

Birth of the Constitution



HISTORY IN A NUTSHELL Quiz





This quiz will test your knowledge on the history and development of the U.S. Constitution. Each question will be followed by the correct answer.

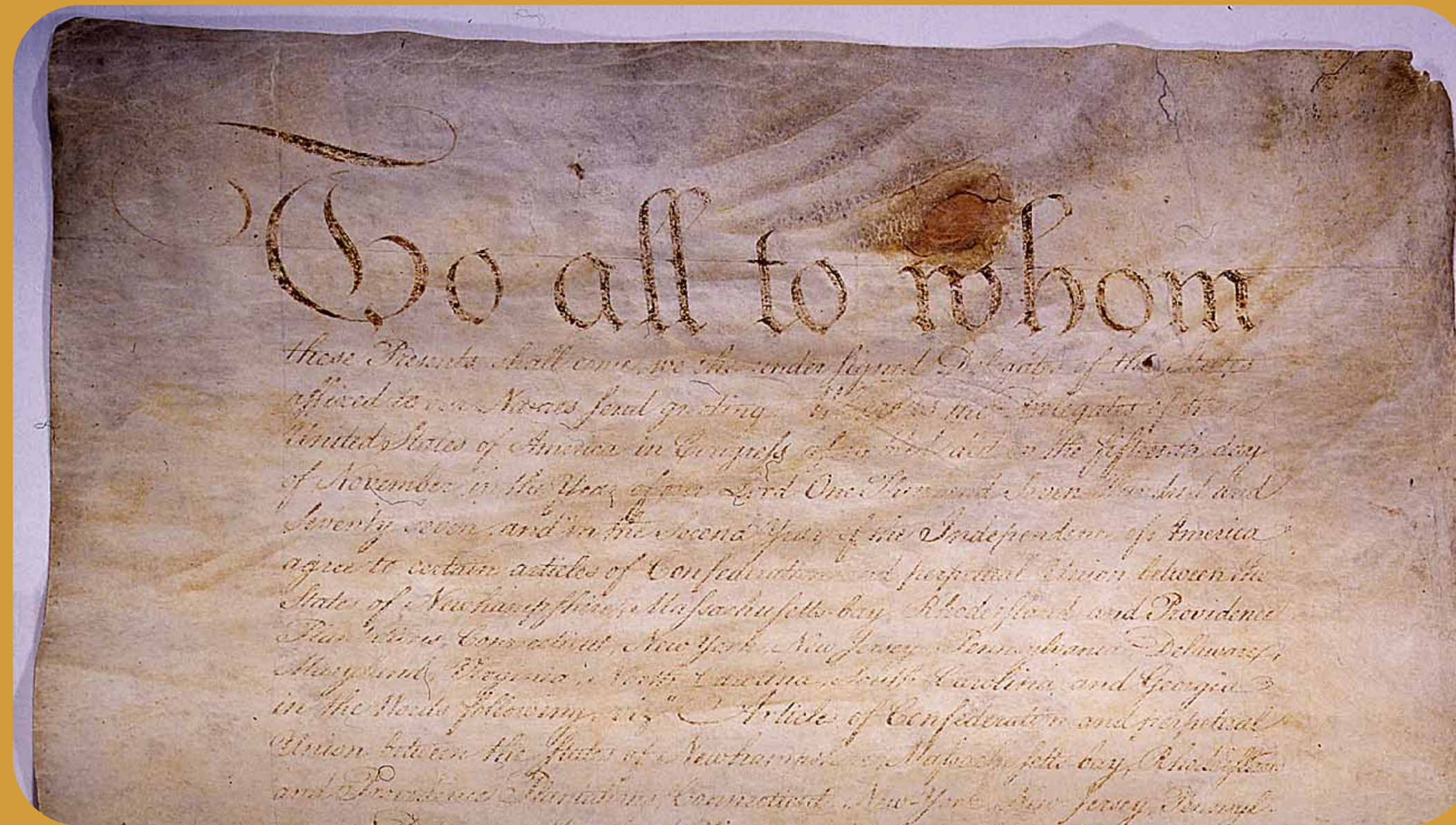
Think you know your history? Let's find out!

Ready?

Here We Go!

Question 1: America's first constitution, the Articles of Confederation failed because:

- A. Weak federal government
- B. Each state had its own form of currency
- C. No executive or judicial branches
- D. All of the above

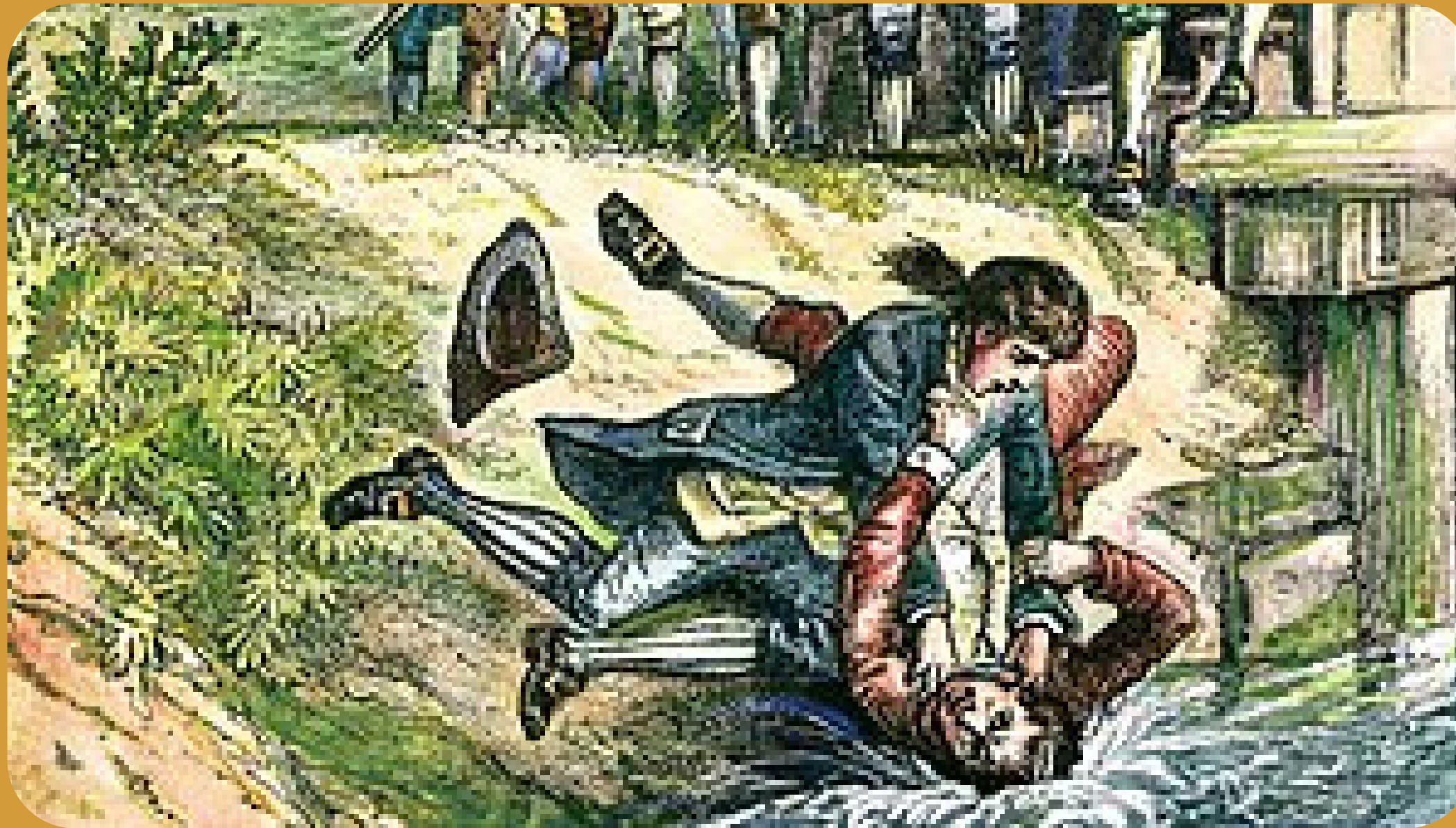


The correct answer is...

D. All of the Above. Under the Articles, more power went to the individual states instead of a strong federal government. There was no national military, judicial branch, or executive branch. In order to make any amendments, a unanimous vote was needed!

Question 2: What incident ultimately led the Founding Fathers to scrap the Articles of Confederation, and draft a new Constitution?

- A. The Boston Massacre**
- B. Pennsylvania Mutiny of 1783**
- C. Shays Rebellion**
- D. Doctors Mob Riot**



The correct answer is...

C. Shays Rebellion. The newly formed United States incurred a massive debt due to the Revolutionary War. The federal government did not have the power to tax under the Articles of Confederation. Each state had its own form of currency called “Continental”, and the mass printing of these paper notes caused inflation. The inflation and political turmoil caused by the faults in the articles reached a boiling point in 1786 with Shays Rebellion.

Question 3: Where was the Constitutional Convention of 1787 held?

- A. Philadelphia, PA**
- B. Boston, MA**
- C. Charleston, SC**
- D. New York City, NY**

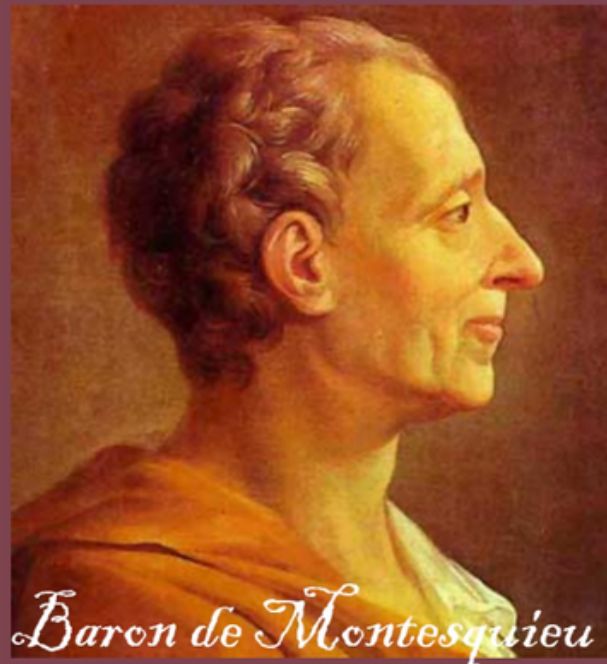


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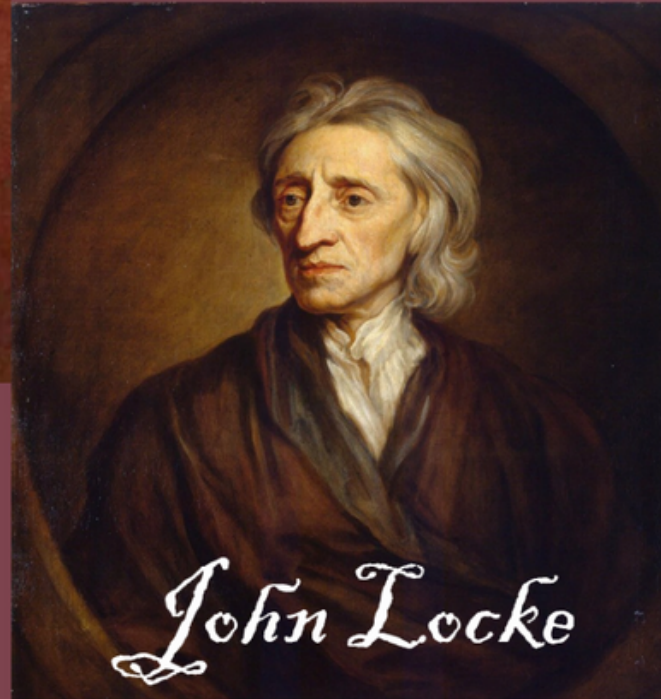
A. Philadelphia, PA.

Question 4: When drafting the new Constitution, the Founding Fathers borrowed concepts from the following political philosophers EXCEPT:

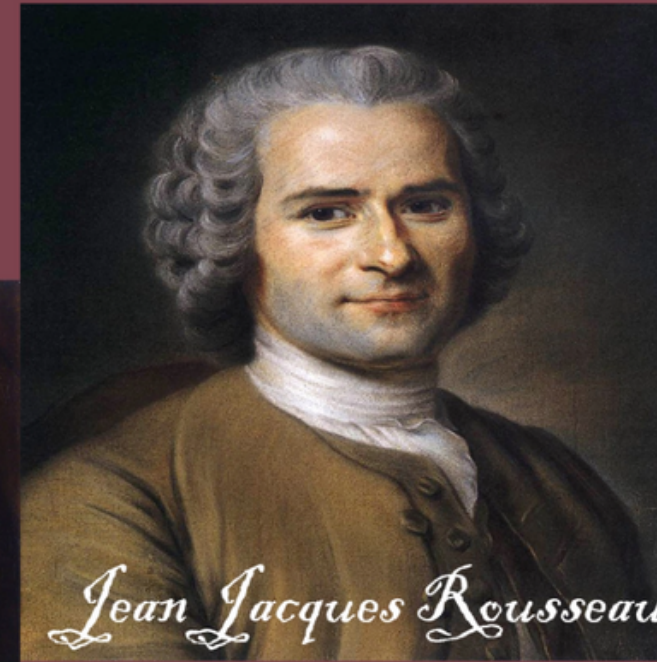
- A. Jean–Jacques Rousseau**
- B. Thomas More**
- C. Baron Charles de Montesquieu**
- D. John Locke**



Baron de Montesquieu
"The Spirit Of The Law"



John Locke
"Two Treatises Of Government"



Jean Jacques Rousseau
"Social Contract"

The correct answer is...

B. Thomas More. Locke, Montesquieu and Rousseau were all Enlightenment thinkers whom the Founding Fathers borrowed concepts from when creating the U.S. Constitution. Sir Thomas More was from the Renaissance era, and was not included in the drafting process.

Question 5: What are the names of the first two political parties formed in the U.S. after the Constitution's creation?

- A. Democrats and Republicans**
- B. Whigs and Tories**
- C. Libertarians and Unity Party**
- D. Federalists and Anti-Federalists**

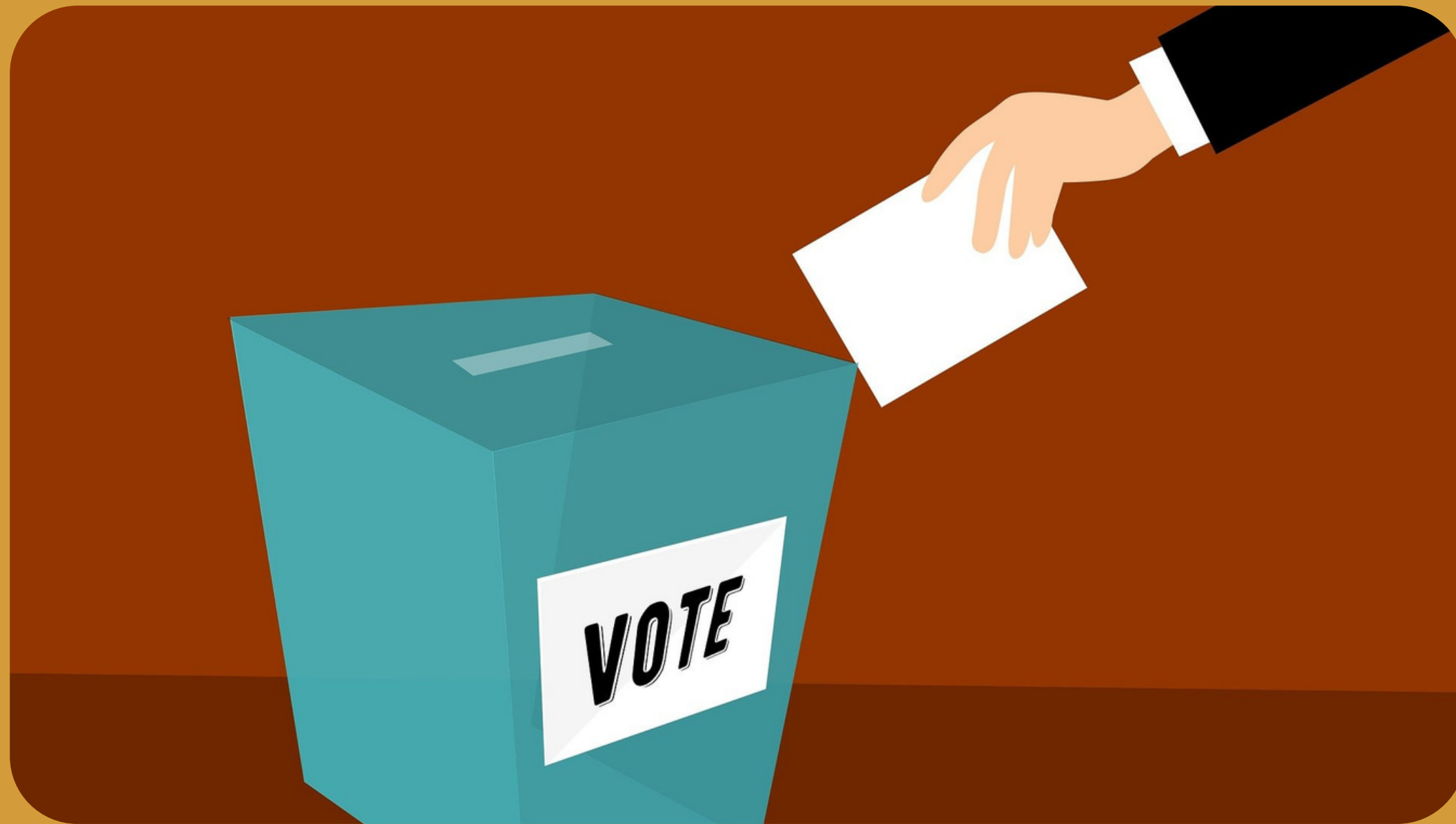


The correct answer is...

D. Federalists and Anti-Federalists. Those who supported the Constitution and a stronger national republic were known as Federalists. Those who opposed the ratification of the Constitution in favor of small, localized government were known as Anti-Federalists.

Question 6: Which of the following rights is NOT included in the Bill of Rights?

- A. The right to bear arms**
- B. The right to vote**
- C. The right to freedom of speech**
- D. The right to no unlawful search and seizure**



The correct answer is...

B. The right to vote. The right to vote is what's known as an "unenumerated" law. Unenumerated laws are legal rights inferred from other rights that are implied by existing laws, such as in written constitutions, but are not themselves expressly coded or "enumerated" among the explicit writ of the law. (Wikipedia)

How well
did you do?

