

Constituting America's Twelfth 90-Day Study

American Exceptionalism Revealed: The Historic Rise and Fall of Worldwide Regimes and How United States Founding Wisdom Prevails

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RESERVED – CHRISTOPHER BURKETT – Essay #1 — HISTORIC TOPIC #1: Plato, Aristotle, & Ancient Greek Thought on Human Nature & Good Government

- The essayist will comment on how they succeeded & how they failed

RESERVED – SAMUEL POSTELL – Essay #2 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of Plato, Aristotle, & Ancient Greek Thought

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime's weaknesses/failures
- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalist but a commentary on their corresponding prescience
- The Ancients framed their constitutions on an understanding of human nature but tended to describe ideal regimes in terms of very high expectations of human nature. Not only were those expectations impossible to attain, but would require a high degree of despotism/governmental control (by American standards). The American Founders wanted a regime founded on freedom but also civic virtue, & so they called for a Constitution framed upon more realistic notions of human nature – good & bad
 - Examples:
 - Federalist No. 55: “Had every Athenian citizen been a Socrates; every Athenian assembly would still have been a mob.” “As there is a degree of depravity in mankind which requires a certain degree of circumspection & distrust, so there are other qualities in human nature which justify a certain portion of esteem & confidence. Republican government presupposes the existence of these qualities to a

higher degree than any other form. Were the pictures which have been drawn by the political jealousy of some among us faithful likenesses of the human character, the inference would be, that there is not sufficient virtue among men for self-government; & that nothing less than the chains of despotism can restrain them from destroying & devouring one another.”

- George Washington to James Warren, October 7, 1785. We had too high an opinion of human nature
 - George Washington to John Jay, August 1, 1786 (FC, Chapter 5, Document 11). We have Errors to correct
 - Federal Farmer I on the virtue of officers & citizens
- Fed. 10, 37, 43, 51

RESERVED – SAMUEL POSTELL – Essay #3 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of Plato, Aristotle, & Ancient Greek Thought

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime’s failures
- See requirements for electors & elected officials

RESERVED – JOERG KNIPPRATH – Essay #4 — HISTORIC TOPIC #2: The Constitutions of Athens & Sparta [Democracy & Oligarchy & Instabilities of Each]

- The essayist will comment on how they succeeded & how they failed

RESERVED – ANDREW LANGER – Essay #5 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of the Constitution of Athens & Sparta

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime’s weaknesses/failures
- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalists, but rather a commentary on their corresponding prescience
- Madison focuses extensively on the distinctions between the U.S. Constitution & ancient Foundings in Federalist No. 38
- Fed. 10, 18, 38, 55, 63

RESERVED – ANDREW LANGER – Essay #6 – THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM: — Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of the Constitution of Athens & Sparta

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime’s failures
- Focus on limited/enumerated powers of Congress in Article I section 8, & ratification/amendment process

RESERVED – JOERG KNIPPRATH – ESSAY #7 – HISTORIC TOPIC #3: The Stoics & Classic Roman Thought on Human Nature & Good Government [Cicero & Universal Law; Polybius & Balanced Government]

- The essayist will comment on how they succeeded & how they failed

RESERVED – RON MEIER – Essay #8 – FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: — Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of the Stoics & Classic Roman Thought on Human Nature & Good Government

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime’s weaknesses/failures
- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalist but a commentary on their corresponding prescience
- Fed. 47, 51, 57, 66

RESERVED – RON MEIER – Essay #9 – THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM: — Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of The Stoics & Classic Roman Thought on Human Nature & Good Government

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime’s failures
- We can use some of the sources cited for #1 above

RESERVED – JOERG KNIPPRATH – Essay #10 — HISTORIC TOPIC #4: The Roman Republic
[From Aristocracy To Dictatorship]

- The essayist will comment on how they succeeded & how they failed

RESERVED – WILL MORRISEY – Essay #11 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of the Roman Republic

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime's weaknesses/failures
- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalists but rather a commentary on their corresponding prescience
- Focus on Federalist Papers on how the executive is to have the same energy as a dictatorship but safe for liberty; also on improvements to Roman Senate by Madison
- Fed. 10, 34, 41, 70

RESERVED – DANIEL A. COTTER - Essay #12 — THE CONSTITUTION'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of the Roman Republic

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime's failures
- Necessary & proper clause in Article I section 8; nature of the vesting clause of executive power in Article II

RESERVED – JOERG KNIPPRATH – Essay #13 — HISTORIC TOPIC #5: Five Hundred Years of the Republic of Venice [What is a Republic]

- The essayist will comment on how they succeeded & how they failed

RESERVED – JOERG KNIPPRATH – Essay #14 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of Five Hundred Years of the Republic of Venice

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime's weaknesses/failures
- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalists but a commentary on their corresponding prescience
- See Federalist No. 39 on "what is a republic?"

- See James Madison's "Vices" on "republican principle" & majority rule
- Fed. 9, 14, 39, 51, 52, 55, 57
- No titles of nobility may be granted by the U.S. [Article I, Section 9] nor by any state [Article I, Section 10]; nor may a person holding the office of honor in federal government receive a title from a foreign country [Article I, Section 9]

RESERVED – DANIEL A. COTTER – Essay #15 — THE CONSTITUTION'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of Five Hundred Years of the Republic of Venice

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime's failures
- Republican Guaranty clause

RESERVED – JOERG KNIPPRATH – Essay #16 — HISTORIC TOPIC #6: Holy Roman Empire. [Imperium in Imperio, Ruler Elected by Electoral College]

- The essayist will comment on how they succeeded & how they failed

RESERVED – CHRISTOPHER BURKETT – Essay #17 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of Holy Roman Empire

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime's weaknesses/failures
- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalist but a commentary on their corresponding prescience
- See Federalist #18-20 on problems with ancient confederacies – failures to act because of disagreements between member states
- Fed. 19, 22, 43

RESERVED – CHRISTOPHER BURKETT - Essay #18 — THE CONSTITUTION'S WISDOM: — Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of Holy Roman Empire

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime's failures
- Modes of an election, especially for executives

RESERVED – JOERG KNIPPRATH – Essay #19 — HISTORIC TOPIC #7: United Provinces of the Netherlands [Federal Head Over Constituent Sovereigns]

- The essayist will comment on how they succeeded & how they failed

RESERVED – CHRISTOPHER BURKETT – Essay #20 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of United Provinces of the Netherlands

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime's weaknesses/failures
- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalist but a commentary on their corresponding prescience
- See Federalist #18-20 on problems with ancient confederacies – failures to act because of disagreements between member states
- Fed. 15, 20, 54

RESERVED – ANDREW LANGER – Essay #21 — THE CONSTITUTION'S WISDOM: — Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of United Provinces of the Netherlands

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime's failures
- Supremacy clause; Article I section 10 (limits on state power); Article IV (on relations between the states)

RESERVED – JOERG KNIPPRATH – Essay #22 — HISTORIC TOPIC #8: Machiavelli & the Science of Politics [The Pursuit & Maintenance of Power by the Ruler]

- The essayist will comment on how they succeeded & how they failed

RESERVED – RON MEIER – Essay #23 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of Machiavelli & the Science of Politics

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime's weaknesses/failures
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- Machiavelli calls for an energetic executive to do the things necessary for the security of both his power & the lives & property of his subjects; the problem is the lack of checks on executive authority (at least in *The Prince*). Contrast Federalist #51 on checks & balances with Federalist 72 on the need for the energetic executive
- See Federalist 23 for the need for energy in government to achieve necessary ends
- Fed. 31 (“science” of politics to prevent excess power)
- Fed. 37 (limitations of the science of politics)
- Fed. 51

RESERVED – RON MEIER – Essay #24 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM:
Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of Machiavelli & the Science of Politics

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime’s failures
- Impeachment, treason, legislative process

RESERVED – JOERG KNIPPRATH – Essay #25 — HISTORIC TOPIC #9: The “Sun King,” Louis XIV [The King As Sovereign]

- The essayist will comment on how they succeeded & how they failed

RESERVED – ANDREW LANGER – Essay #26 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of the “Sun King,” Louis XIV

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime’s weaknesses/failures
- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalist but a commentary on their corresponding prescience
- Fed. 69, 70

RESERVED – ANDREW LANGER – Essay #27 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM:
Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of the “Sun King,” Louis XIV

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime’s failures

RESERVED – JOERG KNIPPRATH – Essay #28 — HISTORIC TOPIC #10: King Versus Parliament in 17th Century England [From Absolutism to Constitutional Monarchy; Montesquieu]

- The essayist will comment on how they succeeded & how they failed

RESERVED – ADAM CARRINGTON – Essay #29 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of King Versus Parliament in 17th Century England

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime's weaknesses/failures
- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalist but a commentary on their corresponding prescience
- See Federalist #68 contrasting constitutional executive to a monarch
- See Brutus, Cato No. 4, & Old Whig No. 5 on dangers of absolute/hereditary monarchy
- Fed. 26, 47, 52

RESERVED – ADAM CARRINGTON – Essay #30 — THE CONSTITUTION'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of King Versus Parliament in 17th Century England

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime's failures

RESERVED – JOERG KNIPPRATH – Essay #31 — HISTORIC TOPIC #11: The Mayflower Compact & the City of God on Earth [Government by Consent; Government in the Service of God]

- The essayist will comment on the genesis of self-government - the strengths & weaknesses

RESERVED – TONY WILLIAMS – Essay #32 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of the Mayflower Compact & the City of God on Earth

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime's weaknesses/failures - or in THIS case, IMPROVED upon or BUILT upon their genius

- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalist but a commentary on their corresponding prescience
- See Federalist & Anti-Federalist literature on American exceptionalism – what makes America special?
- Federalist #37: “It is impossible for the man of pious reflection not to perceive in it a finger of that Almighty hand which has been so frequently & signally extended to our relief in the critical stages of the revolution.”
- Brutus I’s use of Biblical language to describe the importance of the ratification question
- Fed. 37, 69
- Religious test oaths were prohibited under Article VI, Section 3
- Religious liberty & 1st Amendment; Virginia Memorial & Remonstrance of 1786, as well as Statute for Religious Freedom of that year
- Massachusetts Constitution of 1780

RESERVED – ADAM CARRINGTON – Essay #33 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of the Mayflower Compact & the City of God on Earth

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime’s failures
- Preamble: “Secure the blessings of liberty”

RESERVED – TOM HAND – Essay #34 — HISTORIC TOPIC #12: The Creation of Colonial Governments in British North America [Types of Charters; Eventual Failure & Royal Control]

- The essayist will comment on how they succeeded & how they failed

RESERVED – TOM HAND – Essay #35 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of the Creation of Colonial Governments in British North America

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime’s weaknesses/failures

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- Thomas Jefferson, “Rights of the British Colonies”?
- David Ramsay (Federalist historian) on colonial histories & abuses by British
- Brutus I against expansion/empire
- Fed. 52

RESERVED – ANDREW LANGER – Essay #36 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM:
Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of the Creation of Colonial Governments in British North America

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime’s failures
- Addition of territory/admission of new states

RESERVED – TOM HAND – Essay #37 — HISTORIC TOPIC #13: The American Declaration of Independence [Musings on Human Nature & the Basis of Government; Revolution]

- The essayist will talk about the genius of the genesis

RESERVED – J. ERIC WISE – Essay #38 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: Successful CONTRIBUTING Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist (FOUNDING FATHERS) to the American Declaration of Independence

- See Federalist #40 on right to revolution, and #43 on the transcendent right to preservation by the law of nature
- Fed. 28, 39, 40, 49, 78

RESERVED – TONY WILLIAMS – Essay #39 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM: Successful WISDOM from FOUNDING FATHERS to PRESERVE American Declaration of Independence

RESERVED – JAMES C. CLINGER – Essay #40 — HISTORIC TOPIC #14: Chaos & Experimentation in the Early State Constitutions [Legislative Dominance; Who Makes Constitutions]

- The essayist will talk about the strengths & weaknesses

RESERVED – ADAM CARRINGTON – Essay #41 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: Successful WISDOM of FOUNDING FATHERS to the EXPERIMENTATION in the Early State Constitutions

- FOUNDERS WISDOM & lessons noted to this experimentation
- John Adams “Thoughts on Government”
- James Madison, “Vices of the Political System of the United States”
- Federalist No. 9 & 10 on “petty republics” & problem of faction in states
- Fed. 47, 48, 53, 81, 83

RESERVED – GARY PORTER – Essay #42 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the EXPERIMENTATION in the Early State Constitutions

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime’s failures
- The legislative process on Constitution; function of the federal courts & judicial review

RESERVED – TOM HAND – Essay #43 — HISTORIC TOPIC #15: From the Articles of Confederation to the Constitution [Government in Stasis, What Is/Are the United States]

- The essayist will talk about strengths & weaknesses

RESERVED – TONY WILLIAMS – Essay #44 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the EXPERIMENTATION of Articles of Confederation to the Constitution

- The above statement says it all
- Brutus I on nature of the Union
- Hamilton to James Duane, 3 September 1780
- Madison, “Vices of the Political System of the U.S.”

- **Federalist #15 on the situation under the Articles of Confederation**
- **Generally Fed. 15-22**
- **Fed. 39, 40, 43**
- **Anti-Fed.: Eleventh Letter of Centinel, in Independent Gazetteer, January 16, 1788, in McMaster & Stone, *Pennsylvania & the Federal Constitution*, (1888), pp.634-637; also in Morton Borden, *The Antifederalist Papers*, (1965), Antifederalist No. 6**

RESERVED – GARY PORTER – Essay #45 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM: From Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of the Articles of Confederation & the Constitution

- **Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent weaknesses in Articles**
- **How the Constitution creates a “more perfect Union”**

RESERVED – TOM HAND – Essay #46 — HISTORIC TOPIC #16: The Bill of Rights [Why? Types of rights? Source of rights?]

- **The essayist will talk about why a bill of rights...what in constitution & fears of big government warranted it such as: where England failed with Magna Carta**

RESERVED – ERIC SANDS – Essay #47 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: Successful COLLECTIVE Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the NEEDS of the Bill of Rights

- **The above statement says it all**
- **Brutus IV**
- **Federalist No. 84**
- **Madison, “Letter to Jefferson,” 17 October 1788**
- **Madison, Speech in the House of Representatives, 8 June 1789**
- **Anti-Fed.: An Old Whig, in The Massachusetts Gazette, November 27, 1787; also in Morton Borden, *The Antifederalist Papers*, (1965), Antifederalist 18-20**

- Fed. 84
- Declaration of Independence; petitions from states during ratification; debates in Congress

RESERVED – GARY PORTER – Essay #48 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM:
Successful FOUNDERS Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution That WAS a BILL OF RIGHTS & How LIMITED GOVERNMENT IN CONSTITUTION WAS a BILL of Rights

- There are several places in the Constitution (before the Bill of Rights) in which rights are protected by provisions: e.g., no titles of nobility, no ex post facto laws, no suspension of habeas corpus unless invasion/rebellion, no bills of attainder, etc.

RESERVED – JOERG KNIPPRATH – Essay #49 — HISTORIC TOPIC #17: The Importance of Virtue: John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, John Taylor of Caroline [Education & Training; Virtue As Fundamental to Republican Government; Separation of Powers & Other “Auxiliary Precautions”]

- The above statement says it all

RESERVED – GARY PORTER – Essay #50 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: Successful CORRESPONDING Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the WISDOM of the Importance of Virtue: John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, John Taylor of Caroline

- The above statement says it all
- John Adams letters to Abigail Adams, Mercy Warren, Thomas Jefferson
Federalist No. 51, 55
- Adam’s writings in 1776, 1798
- Fed. 56, 76

RESERVED – ANDREA CRISWELL – Essay #51 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM:
Successful CORRESPONDING Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Importance of Virtue: John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, John Taylor of Caroline

- The above statement says it all

RESERVED – TONY WILLIAMS – Essay #52 — HISTORIC TOPIC #18: The French Revolution & the Reign of Terror [Violent Revolutions Versus Peaceful Change]

- The essayist will talk about the success & failures of the French Revolution. Jefferson's naïveté & Adam's prescience

RESERVED – J. ERIC WISE – Essay #53 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of the French Revolution & the Reign of Terror

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime's weaknesses/failures
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- **Federalist No. 1: "Reflection & choice."**
- **Fed. 40, 49, 78**

RESERVED – DANIEL A. COTTER – Essay #54 — THE CONSTITUTION'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of the French Revolution & the Reign of Terror

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime's failures

RESERVED – ADAM CARRINGTON – Essay #55 — HISTORIC TOPIC #19: The Rise of Napoleon Bonaparte [Preventing One-Man Rule Through Layered Election & Separation of Powers]

- The essayist will talk about WHY & HOW Napoleon succeeded. Also how he manipulated & excited people to think he could succeed. (Similar things like this being done today in our country with communistic leanings). Additionally discuss the obvious & subsequent failure.

RESERVED – JAMES C. CLINGER – Essay #56 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of the Rise of Napoleon Bonaparte

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime's weaknesses/failures
- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalist but a commentary on their corresponding prescience

- Fed. 38, 70

RESERVED – JAMES C. CLINGER – Essay #57 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM:
Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of the Rise of Napoleon Bonaparte

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime’s failures

RESERVED – TONY WILLIAMS – Essay #58 — HISTORIC TOPIC #20: The Communist Manifesto [Views On Human Nature & Class Loyalties; Madisonian Pluralism]

- The essayist will talk about WHY & HOW Communist Manifesto succeeded. Also how it manipulated & excited people to think it could work. Additionally discuss the obvious & subsequent failure. - In essence: success (manipulations) & failures with its theories

RESERVED – JAY MCCONVILLE – Essay #59 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of the Communist Manifesto

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime’s weaknesses/failures
- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalist but a commentary on their corresponding prescience
- Federalist No. 10 on human nature & protection of property
- Fed. 10, 51, 54, 70

RESERVED – ANDREW LANGER – Essay #60 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM:
Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of the Communist Manifesto

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime’s MANIPULATIONS & failures
- How the Constitution protects one’s property but minimizes class distinctions concerning rights

RESERVED – ERIC SANDS – Essay #61 — HISTORIC TOPIC #21: The American Civil War: Disunion & Reconstruction [What is the Union; Secession; “An Indestructible Union Composed of Indestructible States”]

- Essayist talks of the above

RESERVED – SAMUEL POSTELL – Essay #62 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of the American Civil War: Disunion & Reconstruction

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how FOUNDERS WISDOM TRIED to prevent such reasons for disunion
- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalist but a commentary on their corresponding prescience
- Federalist #2-4 on the benefits of Union
- Federalist #5-6 on dangers of sectionalism (including on economic grounds)
- Fed. 42, 59

RESERVED – SAMUEL POSTELL – Essay #63 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of the American Civil War: Disunion & Reconstruction

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent such disunion
- Nature of representation in the House & Senate; electoral college mode of electing President

RESERVED – JOERG KNIPPRATH – Essay #64 — HISTORIC TOPIC #22: World War I & the Collapse of the Old World Order [Federalist 6/7 & Conflicts Among Republics]

- The essayist talks about the success of the Old World Order & where it failed & how it led to WWI

Essay #65 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of World War I & the Collapse of the Old World Order

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime’s weaknesses/failures

- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalists but a commentary on their corresponding prescience
- Fed. 6, 7, 74, 75

RESERVED – STEPHEN TOOTLE – Essay #66 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of World War I & the Collapse of the Old World Order

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime’s failures

RESERVED – SCOT FAULKNER – Essay #67 — HISTORIC TOPIC #23: Stalin & the Military Regime

- The essayist will comment on the use of persuasion & how Stalin slyly manipulated the people & situation into a Military Regime

Essay #68 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of Stalin & the Military Regime

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime’s weaknesses/failures
- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalist but a commentary on their corresponding prescience
- Federalist justification of standing army; Anti-Federalist concerns
- Fed. 25, 26, 28, 41, 46

RESERVED – ANDREW LANGER – Essay #69 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of Stalin & the Military Regime

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime’s failures

RESERVED – JOERG KNIPPRATH – Essay #70 — HISTORIC TOPIC #24: The Progressive Vision & Its Challenge to the Constitutional Order [“Negative” Constitution To Protect Liberty Inherent in Individuals From Government, to “Active” Government To Reshape Society Into an “Organic” State in Which Individuals Are Mere Cogs]

- The essayist will talk about the progressive movement, what vulnerability in the U.S. populace led to it, why it succeeded, how it has “failed” or been limited

RESERVED – WILL MORRISEY – Essay #71 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of the Progressive Vision & its Challenge to the Constitutional Order

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime’s weaknesses/failures - or in this case, had a loophole that allowed it
- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalist but a commentary on their corresponding prescience

RESERVED – GARY PORTER – Essay #72 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of the Progressive Vision & its Challenge to the Constitutional Order

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how it has prevented full progressive movement or could if people understood the Constitution better

RESERVED – TONY WILLIAMS – Essay #73 — HISTORIC TOPIC #25: The Economic Depression & the Birth of New Deals & Great Societies [Dangers of an Administrative State Governed by Unelected Bureaucrats; Separation of Powers; Judicial Review; Due Process; Status of Rights in Property]

- The above statement says it all

RESERVED – PATRICK GARRY – Essay #74 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of the Economic Depression & the Birth of New Deals & Great Societies

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime’s weaknesses/failures
- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalist but a commentary on their corresponding prescience

RESERVED – JOHN DE GREE AND MIKE ALLEN – Essay #75 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of the Economic Depression & the Birth of New Deals & Great Societies

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent depressions, etc.

RESERVED – WINFIELD ROSE – Essay #76 — HISTORIC TOPIC #26: Hitler & the Third Reich
[Slavery & Race Discrimination —Or Economy & Manipulation of Hope by Allowing Dictatorship]

- The essayist will discuss how Hitler managed to succeed in convincing the people to follow him & the economic situation that led to it & how it could happen here

RESERVED – WINFIELD ROSE – Essay #77 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST'S WISDOM: Successful
Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of Hitler & the Third Reich

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- **Federalist #54 on 3/5 Ratio**
- **Anti-Federalist objections to 1808 limit on the prohibition of slave importations (e.g. Melancton Smith at NY Ratifying Convention)**

RESERVED – JEANNE MCKINNEY – Essay #78 — THE CONSTITUTION'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of Hitler & the Third Reich

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime's failures

RESERVED – SCOT FAULKNER – Essay #79 — HISTORIC TOPIC #27: Chairman Mao & the Cultural Revolution [Freedom of Speech & Religion; Right to Direct the Upbringing of Children]

- The essayist will discuss what led to the ability for Mao to take over & the rise of the cultural revolution & the dangers manifesting here in the U.S. that replicate the same vulnerabilities for a communist takeover

Essay #80 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of Chairman Mao & the Cultural Revolution

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RESERVED – DAVID KOPEL – Essay #81 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of Chairman Mao & the Cultural Revolution

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent previous regime’s failures

Essay #82 — HISTORIC TOPIC #28: The Creation of the United Nations & the “Citizen of the World” [Treaties; Nations; Borders; Citizenship]

- The essayist will talk about the reasons why people thought it was a good idea & how the failures of international regimes in the past led to it. Also discuss how America had no such reasons how we were/are convinced to be global. Discuss manipulations & dangers of it as well

Essay #83 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of the Creation of the United Nations & the “Citizen of the World”

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime’s weaknesses/failures
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- **Federalist #6 on foreign policy & motives of other nations**

RESERVED – ANDREW LANGER – Essay #84 — THE CONSTITUTION’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of the Creation of the United Nations & the “Citizen of the World”

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent such global interplay

Essay #85 — HISTORIC TOPIC #29: The Collapse of the British Empire [Assimilation; Representation]

- The essayist will talk about America’s Manifest Destiny but also our curbing of international domination & overreach & how the founders wisdom led to such curbing

Essay #86 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST’S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of the Collapse of the British Empire

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime's weaknesses/failures
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- Brutus & other Anti-Federalists on problems of representation in "large republics" (i.e., empires)

Essay #87 — THE CONSTITUTION'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failures of the Collapse of the British Empire

- Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent large republics & international interplay & allowance of international involvement & its dangers

RESERVED – JOERG KNIPPRATH – Essay #88 — HISTORIC TOPIC #30: The Failings of Utopian Creation Experiments [Framers As Constructing Workable Government, Not an Ideological Blueprint; Madison's "Best Possible" Government; Franklin's Pragmatism; Connecticut Compromise; Compromise Over Slavery Issue]

- The essayist will talk of the above. Also discuss the dangers of utopian thinking in our American Republic. Discuss how our founders were aware & educated about historic failings. Discuss how we should have such awareness & education as a populace to prevent such historic failures in our republic - as history has endured before & after our founding. Also discuss how our founders' prescience & founding documents still hold true. Discuss that this is why we are exceptional. "A republic if we can keep it"

RESERVED – ELIZABETH SPALDING – Essay #89 — FEDERALIST & ANTI-FEDERALIST'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom of Federalist/Anti-Federalist to the Failures of the Failings of Utopian Creation Experiments

- The essayist will comment on their thinking/debates about how to prevent the previous regime's weaknesses/failures
- This is not a counteracting debate between Federalists & Anti-Federalist but a commentary on their corresponding prescience
- Fed. 14, 31, 37, 85

RESERVED – JOERG KNIPPRATH – Essay #90 — THE CONSTITUTION'S WISDOM: Successful Counteracting Wisdom in the U.S. Constitution to the Failings of Utopian Creation Experiments

- **Specifics in Constitution dealing with how to prevent Utopian Creation Experiments**