

Lecture 6: The American Founding (2)

- I. Confederation (1784-87): Diffusion of power and “too much democracy”
 - A. **Issues and Problems** under the The Articles of Confederation
 - 1. Problems with the central government (Congress of the Confederacy)
 - 2. Problems between the states
 - 3. Problems within the states
 - B. On-going severe Economic Depression

- II. Constitutional Convention
 - A. Deliberation as model and foundation

- III. Federalists and Anti-Federalists
 - A. Anti-Federalists: Who?
 - B. Anti-Federalists: Why?

- IV. The Constitution: Key Points and **Solutions**
 - A. Solutions: To address the problems of Democracy in General
 - B. Solutions: To address the problems under the Articles of Confederation

- V. The Federalist (by “Publius”)
 - A. Madison’s #10
 - 1. **Faction** is the problem
 - 2. The remedy:
 - a. “republican principle”
 - b. the bigger the better (against “conventional wisdom” and J.J.R.)
 - c. “variety”/ “diversity” (“ “ “ “ “ “)

 - B. Madison #51
 - 1. Government strong enough to rule and protect itself, but not to oppress
 - a. “if men were angels...”
 - b. “multiplicity of interests”
 - c. “what is government, but...”
 - 2. Checks and Balances
 - a. “ambition made to counter ambition”
 - b. connect “the interests of the man” to the “constitutional rights of the place”

- VI. Epilogue: “The Revolution of 1800”