

# FEDERALISTS VS. REPUBLICANS

## *WHAT DID THEY BELIEVE?*



### FEDERALISTS

Use Great Britain as a role model

Believe in a strong central government

Want a powerful chief executive (President)

Believe in a strong central banking system

Want a standing army

Dislike inherited aristocracy

Support aristocracy by merit

Tend to believe people will act in their own selfish interests if left alone.

Want the United States to be a strong, powerful nation similar to the countries in Europe

Led by George Washington, Alexander Hamilton and John Adams

### REPUBLICANS

Use France as a role model

Are happy with strong state governments

Fear a chief executive will become a king

Fear a central bank will make it hard to borrow

Support militia – fear an army is expensive and could be used against its' own people

Dislike inherited aristocracy

Trusts the “common” man over aristocrats

Tend to trust people and believe they will show civic virtue when left alone

Fear entanglement in European Wars. Are happy with a smaller, cheaper government where people can focus on their own farms and businesses without high taxes

Led by Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe