

Chapter 8
Securing the
New Nation,
1789–1800







What do you think?

The American nation became stable not when the United States drafted the Constitution, but only after the governing power peacefully ceded power to an opposing party, in 1800.

Strong	ly Disagree				Strongly	Agree
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Creating a New Government

 From 1789 to 1800 the federal government was remarkably small

The First Citizens

Naturalization Act of 1790

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The First Congress

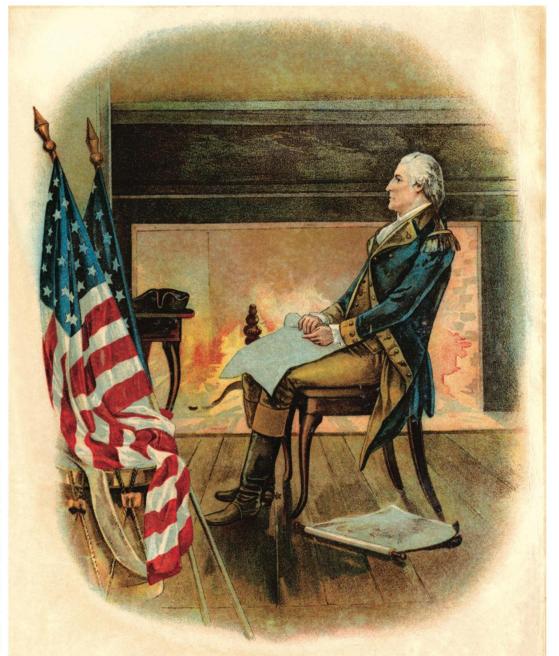
- Courts
- Rights
- Executive Department
- Revenues

The First President

- The Presidential Manner
- The Cabinet
- Relations with Congress



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Political Divisions

- Cabinet
- Washington, Hamilton, and Adams (the Federalists)
- Jefferson and Madison (the Democratic-Republicans)

The Problem of Finance

- Hamilton's Financial Plan
- Opposition to Hamilton's Plan
- Congressional Impasse and Washington,
 D.C.
- The Whiskey Rebellion





Table 8.1 The Differences Between Jefferson and Hamilton Jefferson Hamilton Party Democratic-Republican Federalist

Federal government Small, subservient to states Strong and centralized

An agrarian republic of independent farmers

Labor Free and enslaved Free

National bank Against For

Constitution Strict interpretation Loose interpretation

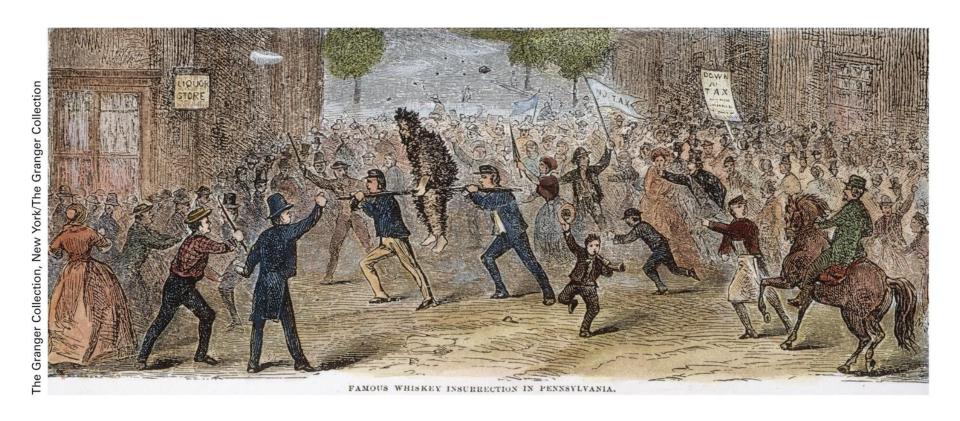
National vision

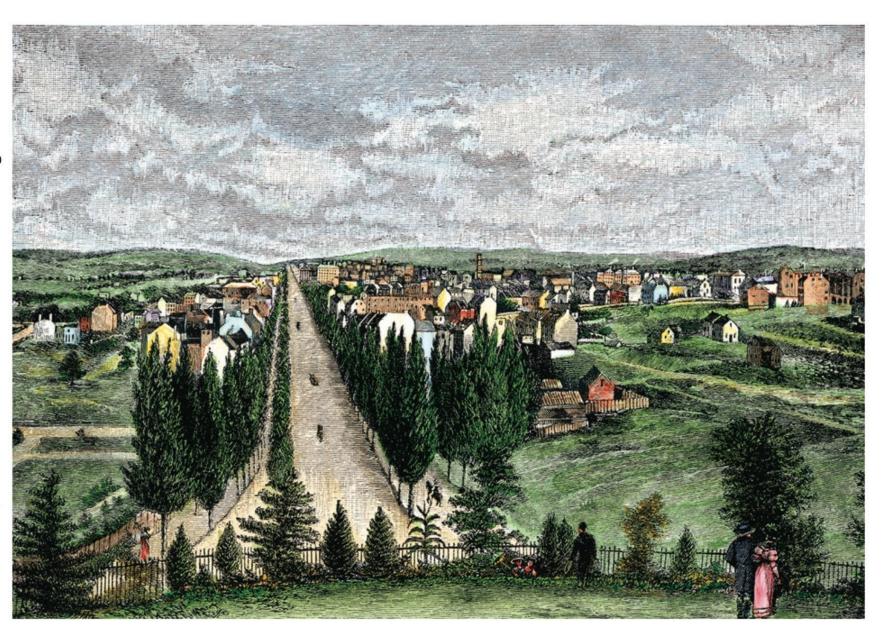
A capitalist, industrial power

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The Problem of Foreign Policy

- The Pinckney Treaty
- The French Revolution and the Citizen Genêt Affair
- U.S. Neutrality and Jay's Treaty





Indian Relations

- Indian Resistance in the Northwest
- The South
- A New Policy

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The Rise of Two-Party Politics

- Political parties:
 - the Democratic-Republicans
 - the Federalists

The Democratic-Republicans

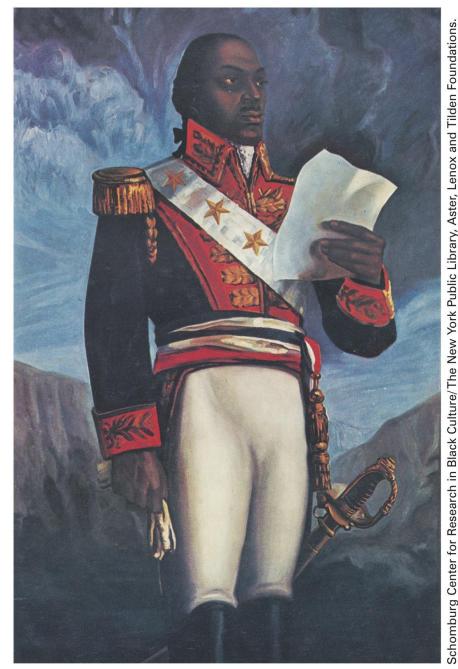
- Favored limited government
- Opposed the national bank and other measures that enhanced the power of the federal government
- Sided with France over Great Britain

The Federalists

- Supported stability provided by a centralized government
- Suspicious of the whims of the populace
- Supported a strong governmental role in economic affairs and pro-British
- Mostly wealthy merchants, large property owners, or conservative farmers

Slavery

- The Haitian Revolution
- Gabriel's Conspiracy



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Adams's Presidency and Dealing with Dissent

- Washington encouraged Americans to come together under a nonpartisan system
- However, the two-party political system was born



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Adams's Election

- Federalist John Adams
- Democratic-Republican Thomas Jefferson
- Adams wins
- Jefferson vice president

The XYZ Affair

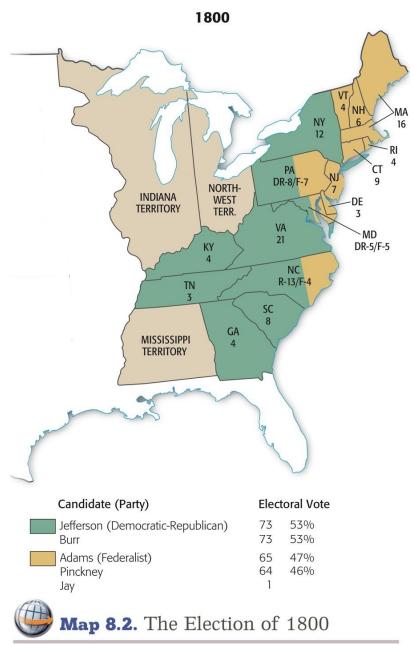
Result—The Quasi-War



- Alien and Sedition Acts
- Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions
- Doctrine of nullification

The "Bloodless Revolution" of 1800

 Jefferson and Adams ran against each other again



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The French Again

- John Adams reopened negotiations with France
- Federalist Party divided over whether the United States should negotiate with France

The Election

- Federalists too divided to give Jefferson any real competition
- Democratic-Republican Party well organized
- Jefferson wins with running mate, Aaron Burr

Results

- Lame-duck Congress
- Problems with determining president and vice-president
- 12th Amendment

What else was happening				
1791	Early bicycles are made in Scotland.			
1791	France begins using the metric system.			
1795	Tula Slave Rebellion in the Dutch Caribbean colony of Curacao lasts a month before finally being suppressed. August 17 is still celebrated in Curacao as a day of freedom.			
1798	The first soft drink is invented.			
1800	Worcestershire sauce is invented.			

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