

Federalist/Hamilton and Democratic-Republican/Jefferson Comparisons

Federalist/Hamilton		Republican/Jefferson
Favored re-issuing war bonds at face value: speculators paid market value and took the risk that helped stabilize the economy	War Bonds	Opposed re-issuing bonds at face value: felt that speculators took advantage of or cheated the original bond holder
Promoted business and manufacturing as the foundation for a new, growing economy	Economy	Promoted agriculture as the foundation for a strong economy: independent and self-reliant
Protective (higher) tariffs to protect U.S. products	Tariffs	Lower tariffs mean greater competition and lower prices on imported goods
Favored the creation of the bank to strengthen the Federal Government—used the elastic clause to authorize it	National Bank	Opposed the bank—too much power for Federal Government—elastic clause should only be used in very special cases, not as a convenience
Loose construction or interpretation	Constitution	Strict construction or interpretation
Strong central government that balanced power between the “mass of the people” and the wealthier citizens	Democracy	Believed in the right of the people to rule the country—founding principles of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution