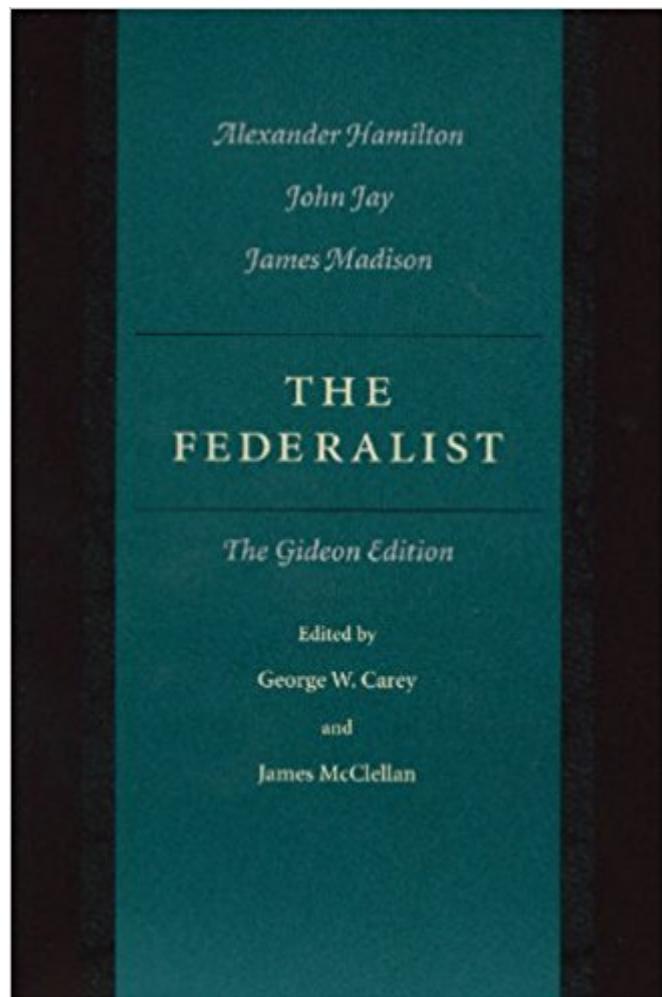


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The work known as The Federalist was initially published as newspaper installations throughout 1787 and 1788. The "Gideon" edition was published in 1818 and includes corrections to earlier editions by James Madison and Hamilton. This version includes those texts plus a new introduction, notes, a glossary, and the complete Articles of Confederation, Declaration of Independence, and U.S. Constitution with cross references. A high-quality, scholarly edition for a great price. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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For those among us who think or believe that we have been under the same Constitution since we declared Independence, reading these essays, supporting the current constitution will help clear that up.. James Madison believed, his belief following experience with the "Articles" under which the United States, that the Articles were designed to "oppress and vex". The opposition published opposing views and were written by serious men as well. I will not spoil the suspense by telling you where these gentlemen were from. This is an excellent opportunity to inform oneself about the founding of the U.S. government.

I teach citizenship classes, so I enjoy knowing the background information. I'm reading in concurrently with the "Anti-Federalist Papers," chapter for chapter to see the arguing back and forth, and also the same tactics as what's going on in the now, 2016 election season: name calling, (they were just more polite back then) scare tactics, appeals to "common sense" examples from history (European). Just like Solomon said, "There is nothing new under the sun!" The writers of this book seem to be more articulate and convincing than the writers of the "Anti-Federalist Papers," hence, they won the type of government structure they were appealing for.

The Federalist Papers were written to recommend the adoption of the United States Constitution by the States. Each state was a sovereign government and the constitution would establish a government that would limit the powers each state could exercise. These are powerful commentaries on the Constitution and should be taught in highschool to provide historic context on the separation of powers and the Bill of Rights.

Discussions about the recent Presidential election mention this book over and over, so I decided to pitch into it. The thought and language are brilliant. It will give you a better understanding of why the Federal system was set up the way it was. It will also give you an appreciation for how lucky we were to have this group of men set it up. Hamilton, Madison and Jay were geniuses. Be warned though - this is not an easy read and will take considerable time and effort. It's best read in small chunks. .But like most things, hard work brings great rewards.

The Federalist Papers (more correctly called *The Federalist*) is a series of 85 essays that seek to explain the United States Constitution and the American system of government. Written between 1787 and 1788 by Founding Fathers Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, these documents were published in order to persuade citizens to vote in favor of ratifying the Constitution. The Federalist Papers certainly rank alongside the Constitution and Declaration of Independence as the most important documents in American history. Anyone wishing to gain a deeper understanding of how and why the American system of government works the way it does should read these documents. They are not necessarily easy reading, though. Because they're written in a style common to 18th century writers, they can frequently be tedious to read. (Nobody will ever accuse Hamilton, Madison, or Jay of having a particularly lively or

interesting writing style.) I find this Dover Thrift Edition, which is edited by Jim Miller, especially useful. It is unencumbered by any scholarly explanations, and it contains very few footnotes. The print is large and easy to read. The words of the founding fathers who wrote them speak for themselves. However stiff and over-formal their writing style, Hamilton, Madison, and Jay present arguments in favor of the Constitution that are clear, cogent and persuasive. These essays are of immeasurable help in providing readers with a clear understanding of what the framers of the Constitution intended, and how the Federal system of American government works. Most highly recommended.

...for ANYone who doubts that the Framers wanted to establish GENUINE religious liberty (and not just a lip-service facade or sham of religious liberty) and that they intended for the the U.S. Constitution to establish a Wall of Separation between Church (religion) and State (government legislation) even though Thomas Jefferson's specific phrasing on that issue does not appear in the U.S. Constitution, because the necessity of that wall of separation is entailed in the logical content of what the Constitution does plainly say and in what the Framers say they intended as revealed and argued in 'The Federalist Papers.'

The presentation including footnotes was easy to follow and to understand. Of course the Papers are a vital part of American history and necessary to understand some of what is happening today, i.e. electoral college, local control of election laws.

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