Creating a Nation – Lecture Notes

Last Class

3 Controversies

- Representation
- Slavery
- Executive (president)

3/5 Compromise = Counting Slave pop. toward rep. population

Compromise – Where does the Power Go?

Revolution and AOC were about rebalance of power \rightarrow but for who?

 Jefferson – each generation should determine the balance of power for itself → Madison thinks this is stupid

Constitution - Ratification Debate

- People had a complicated relationship with the Constitution it wasn't just love or hate – it was sometimes thinking it was good in some parts and maybe weak in others. OR maybe a better one could be made – but maybe not?
- Federalists vs. Anti-federalists = debate over power → Federalism

Federalism ≠ Nationalism

- Why are Federalists Successful?
 - Antifederalists don't propose another plan → DON'T JUST BE A NAY-SAYER!
 - o Antifederalists weren't unified in their objections!

Federalist Papers

Some were first drafts!!! (lol)

Argument = Benefits of Federalism → Prove the AOC are BAD

Bill of Rights

Diaries

have good

info!

Anti-federalists demand protection of personal liberties → Federalists insist this isn't necessary b/c of Checks and Balances

Conclusion

Even after all this, nobody knows if the govt will actually work

LOL *sigh*