

After the Constitution was written,  
how could it be ratified? (approved)

[Article Seven tells how!!!](#)

- Conventions of nine of the thirteen original states ratify the Constitution.
- The ninth state that ratified the Constitution was New Hampshire on June 21, 1788

## **Federalists**

Can any reasonable man be well disposed toward a government which makes war and carnage the only means of supporting itself?

-Alexander Hamilton

**VS.**

Those who were FOR the Constitution to become law

Alexander Hamilton,  
James Madison, John Jay

## **Anti-Federalists**

I smell a rat!

-Patrick Henry

Those who were AGAINST the Constitution becoming law

Richard Henry Lee,  
Patrick Henry, Samuel Adams

**Anti-Federalists**  
(Against the Constitution)

1. Articles were not revised...why?
2. Strong central gov't is TOO STRONG!!
3. No Bill of Rights!!!
4. States are LOSING power!
5. Congress can require states to pay taxes!

**Federalists**  
(For the Constitution)

1. Articles were so bad we couldn't fix 'em.
2. Checks & Balances restrict power.
3. After ratification, we'll add amendments.
4. States have RESERVED powers.
5. Taxes are proportioned to population.