**The Federalist: A Collection of Essays, Written in Favor of the New Constitution, as Agreed upon by the Federal Convention, September 17, 1787**

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Background: It has been frequently remarked, that it seems to have been reserved to the people of this country, by their conduct and example, to decide the important question, whether societies of men are really capable or not, of establishing good government from reflection and choice, or whether they are forever destined to depend, for their political constitutions, on accident and force.

Methods: We wrote and published 85 articles/essays under the pseudonym Publius to argue for the ratification of the Constitution of the United States. These essays were initially published in various New York newspapers in serial form. They were later published in a two-volume compilation. In these essays, we examined each provision of the proposed Constitution in detail and explained the political principles upon which that provision was based.

Results: Although not entirely due to our efforts, the public was persuaded to adopt the US Constitution, which has served, through ups and downs, as the fundamental legal framework for the US government for over 230 years. The Federalist Papers have been widely regarded as a classic in the field of political theory.

Conclusion: Careful study of the writings of the founders can lead to deeper understanding of the problems faced at the organization of the United States, as well as shed light on the problems that still face us in contemporary America as we struggle with the responsibilities of self-government.