

Anti-federalist Arguments Against the Constitution

*Basic criticism:
It gave too much power to
the national government at
the expense of the state
governments.*



Only real problem was a lack of funds for Congress, which could be solved by western land sales, and by giving it the power to levy tariffs.



There was no bill of rights.



Reserved powers were not delegated to the states, which made it easier for the national government to accumulate power.



Federal judges would over-rule state legislatures and courts.



The national government could create a standing army, which state militias couldn't hope to defeat.