

Federalist 70 Questions

1. According to the first sentence what do you anticipate this essay to be about?
2. What does it mean that “energy in the executive is a leading character in the definition of good government?”
3. What four things are identified as needing “energy in the executive?”
4. Why is a feeble executive to be avoided?
5. Why is unity in a single executive at its highest?
6. Why would co-executives be a bad idea?
7. Why would an executive dependent upon others not be good for the republic?
8. How was the dependency of the executive to patricians (upper class) in Rome an example of why we should be careful not to make the executive dependent upon others?
9. What is the primary danger of having two or more people as our executive?
10. What happens to the executive if there is open dispute between the plural executives?
11. Why are people likely to oppose something they didn’t create or was created by people they don’t like?
12. How can we see the behavior of contemporary Democrats and Republicans in “how often the great interests of society are sacrificed to the vanity, conceit, and obstinacy of individuals?”
13. Why shouldn’t the legislative branch have a hand in the executive?
14. What is the biggest argument against a plural executive?
15. What are the two kinds of responsibility?
16. How would finger pointing in a plural executive be a problem as it relates to responsibility?
17. What occurrence has been noted in the appointment of officials when the legislature is tied to the executive?
18. What are the two greatest securities to be found in delegated power to a plural executive?
19. Why is a combination of the privileged forming the executive more dangerous than placing executive power in the hands of a single person?