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Title: *The Federalist Papers*' Influence on the Ratification of the Constitution

Thesis: *The Federalist Papers* influenced the ratification of the Constitution by making some of their most important arguments, including the importance of being in a Union by having a Constitution, answering to the objections made by the Anti-federalists about separation of powers, and defending opposing arguments made against the characteristics of the executive and judicial branch as provided in the Constitution.

I. Introduction

- A. Describe *The Federalist Papers* are and when they started
- B. Thesis: *The Federalist* influenced the ratification of the Constitution by making some of their most important arguments, including the importance of being in a Union by having a Constitution, answering to the objections made by the Anti-federalists about separation of powers, and defending opposing arguments made against the characteristics of the executive and judicial branch as provided in the Constitution.

II. Background

- A. State when *The Federalist* was printed and published
- B. Discuss the intentions and purposes of *The Federalist*

III. Argument for the benefit of a Union

- A. Union would guard against external dangers
- B. A Union would guard against internal dangers
 - 1. The “extended sphere” argument about how it will control factions (**“Federalist Papers” 10**)
 - 2. Creates a check and balance system

IV. Argument of the problem with complete separation of powers

- A. Anti-federalists wanted a complete separation of the judicial, executive, and legislative branches
- B. *The Federalist* said the maxim of complete separation of powers is misunderstood (**Montesquieu**)
 - 1. The branches need some limited power of the other branches to protect themselves from encroachment of the other branches (**“Federalist Papers” 51**)
 - 2. The branches need to have the interests of maintaining their powers, and not letting the other branches take that away

V. Argument for a single executive, and against a plural executive

- A. Anti-federalists didn't want a single executive, too much like a monarch
 - B. *The Federalist* need the executive to be "energetic" and a plural executive would make this impossible (**"Federalist Papers" 70**)
 - 1. It would take too long for the people in the executive position to make decision in an emergency, because they might disagree
 - 2. In a plural executive, it is hard to tell who is responsible for a wrongdoing because they can all blame each other, so a single executive would lead to more responsible behavior
- VI. Argument in favor of judicial review and terms of good behavior for judges
- A. Anti-federalists didn't like judicial review and the term of good behavior
 - B. The Federalist argued that judicial review was necessary to protect the judicial branch from the Legislature
 - C. A term of good behavior was necessary to get qualified people for the positions; it would also give them time to develop knowledge
- VII. Conclusion
- A. Thesis
 - B. The dates of the ratification of the Constitution by the States
 - C. *The Federalist's* influence beyond the ratification

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