

BRUTUS I

A Look Into Participatory
Democracy by Robert Yates

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PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

Broad, direct participation in
politics and civil society by
most or all citizens



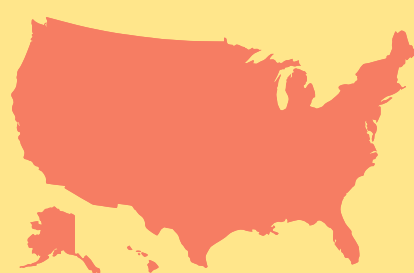
PROPER ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT



Protect citizens' rights and
property from a power that
doesn't care for sectional
needs

SIZE AND POWER OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Wanted a weak central
government that is subservient
to the power of individual
states



REASONING AGAINST ADOPTING CONSTITUTION



1. A republic could not represent local interests due to a small number of representatives. If the number of representatives increased, there would be too many people to come to an agreement.
2. Government officials will be above the common people and there would be no way "to prevent their abuse of power."

SUMMARY

Brutus I is arguing against adopting the Constitution due to its limitations as a republic and wanting to give states superior power to a central government. Robert Yates wants a confederation of states.