

Federalism: strong local government and weak federal government

◦ need states to contribute to national defense and to pay off debt.

Given competition among states, there should be a sizeable middle class, but the recognition of a central authority destroyed this. The central government will create uniform taxes on the entire country.

The church likes small countries, because small countries are less able to create their own religion.

◦ Church likes federalism.

The US Federation was pretty successful until the civil war. After the civil war, the US became a very tightly knit country, because the educational system extolled the values of Abraham Lincoln - mercilessly kill anyone who threatens to secede.