

## Thoughts on the Federalist Vision of Representative Democracy as Viewed at the End of the 21<sup>st</sup> ce

### • Framers concept of Dem: Federalist Papers

- Representative Democracy = best

- Nature / Quality

  - now vs. then

  - ineffective institutions

- Factions → more prominent when govt. is ineffective

  - Oppressive, extreme, unresponsive

  - oppression → local

- Earliest def. of democracy

  - elected few represent the many

  - follow citizens = political representatives

- elected → protect interests of people

  - common interests

- what would Framers say?

  - Constitution of modern adaptations

  - Inability of political institutions to respond

- Freedom of press

  - unchecked

  - how far is too far?

- intentions vs. reality

  - are our elected few the best to represent our interests?

  - are we electing the most social media prominent?