The framers believed that human nature was based on self-interest, and that inequalities of wealth was the principal source of political conflict. With these ideas in mind the framers feared that any group (primarily the non-wealthy majority) could gain majority control of the government and tyrannize the minority (the wealthy) "TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY"

To deal with these issues the framers came up with a conceptual design of government that came to be known as the MADISONIAN MODEL. According to this model the best way to prevent the "TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY" was to ensure the following things were done when creating the new government:
1. Place as much of the government as possible beyond the control of the majority.
2. Separate the powers of the different governmental institutions.
3. Construct a system of CHECKS AND BALANCES.

** Selection of Governmental Leaders
** Only Members of House of Reps. were directly elected by the masses.
** Other leaders were indirectly elected.
  o President – Electoral College
  o Senate – State Legislatures
  o Supreme Court – President & Senate