

Federalist 51 (James Madison)

Quote #1:

...the constant aim is to divide and arrange the several offices in such a manner as that each may be a check on the other;

Quote #2:

The different governments will control each other; at the same time that each will be controlled by itself.

QUESTIONS

1. Using Madison's quotes, how does a federal system of government balance local and national interests?
2. Using Madison's quotes, how does a federal system protect against authoritarianism?

Authoritarianism-a concentration of power in a leader or an elite not constitutionally responsible to the people

