

Democracy 3 Federalist No. 10

Please read *Federalist No. 10* by Publius (or James Madison). After reading the text, answer the questions that follow.

1. What is the main topic of Federalist No. 10?
2. How does Madison define a “pure democracy?” How well does this describe contemporary democratic governments?
3. How does Madison define “republican government?” How well does this describe contemporary democratic governments?
4. What are representatives supposed to “pronounce” in their position? Is this different from just doing what the people want?
5. What would it mean to “enlarge and refine” the views of ordinary citizens, as Madison says representatives should do?
6. What problems does Madison point to regarding pure democracy, especially regarding its applicability to the United States? How does republican government remedy them?
7. How does a republican government “break and control” the “violence” of factions?
8. After reading this text, why do you think it is misleading to say that the United States is “a republic, not a democracy?”