



You need your notebooks

How did the crisis with France affect foreign and domestic policy while **John Adams** was President?



# Election of 1796

**Significant** → Peaceful transfer of Power

## Electoral College Results

- Aaron Burr – 30
- Thomas Pinckney – 59
- Thomas Jefferson – 68
- John Adams – 71



**What do you notice?**

157 to 71

This is a good summary if you were absent.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyJGzAlGcPk>



# Historical Landmarks



- First president to NOT be re-elected
- Last Federalist president
- Kept the nation out of war (diplomacy)
- Increased the Army and created the Navy
- Puts the Constitution to the test

# John Adams & France





# XYZ Affair

Adams sends 3 delegates to France to stop French attack on our American Ships

- Pinckney / Marshall / Gerry
- Want to negotiate and stop attacks on US Ships
- Three French agents referred to as X, Y, and Z

Demand a bribe of \$250,000

***“Millions for defense but not a sixpence (6 pennies) for tribute.”***

- Americans are outraged!
- Federalist LOVE this attitude against FRENCH
- America wants WAR



# Alien & Sedition Acts



- Federalists' fear France
- Mistrust French immigrants
- They might bring dangerous ideas & will back those who support French (Democratic Republicans)
- **Adams decides they need to control situation and those (immigrants) who support DR who sympathize with France**

# French Americans

- A. Shut the borders and stop French Immigration.
- B. Let them in but, make it more difficult for foreigners to become U.S. Citizens.
- C. Make a law that lets the president throw anyone out of the country that he wants.

# Alien & Sedition Acts

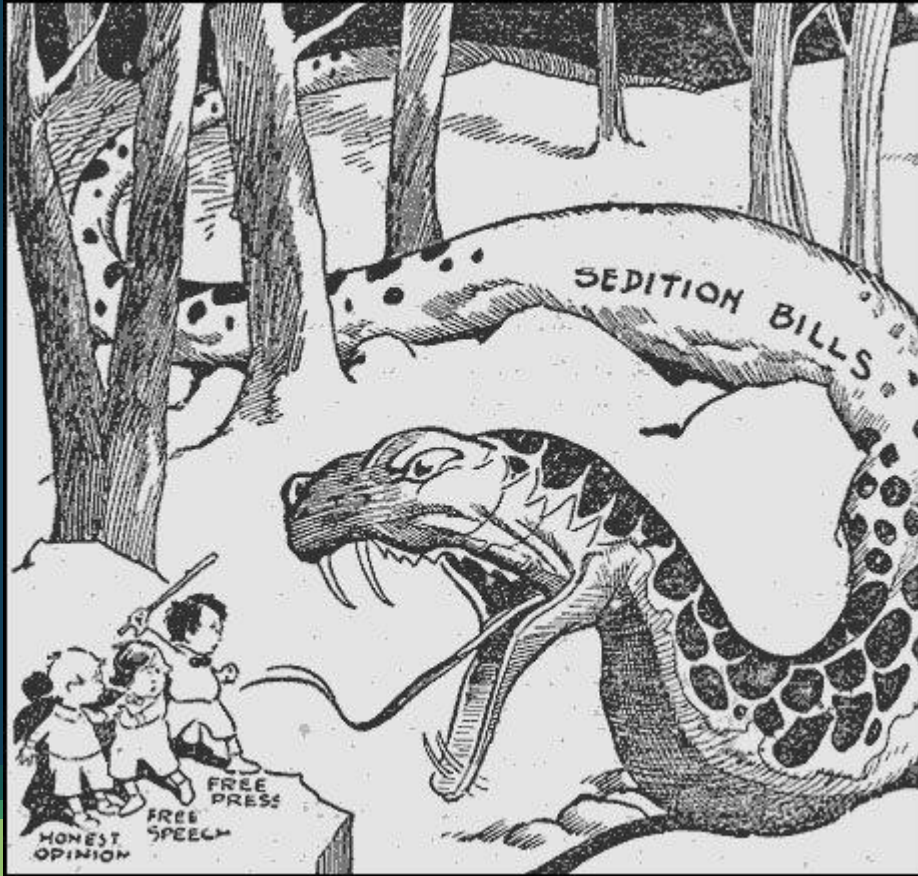
## Alien Acts

- Changed the duration to become a citizen from 5 years to 14 years. (Naturalization Act)
- Prevent French immigrants from becoming voting citizens.
- President can deport or imprison any alien he thinks is dangerous



# The Spitting Lyon

- A. Have Mr. Lyon arrested for criticizing the President
- B. Have the secret service get him so you can ask him why he is writing documents against the President.
- C. Create a law making it illegal to criticize the government.



What ideas are communicated in this political cartoon?

# Alien & Sedition Acts

## Sedition Acts

- Illegal to criticize the president and/or the government.
  - No speeches
  - No news articles or flyers
  - No meetings
- Those found guilty will be fined or jailed.



# States Exercise Their Rights

States decide Alien & Sedition Acts are unconstitutional.

- Violates the first amendment
- **Supreme Court really isn't established.**



James Madison & Thomas Jefferson

- **Kentucky & Virginia Resolutions**
- **Write resolutions attacking the laws made the unconstitutional**  
in Kentucky and Virginia





Should there be a question added to the 2020 census asking people if they are a U.S. Citizen?





**When else has sedition  
been challenged?**

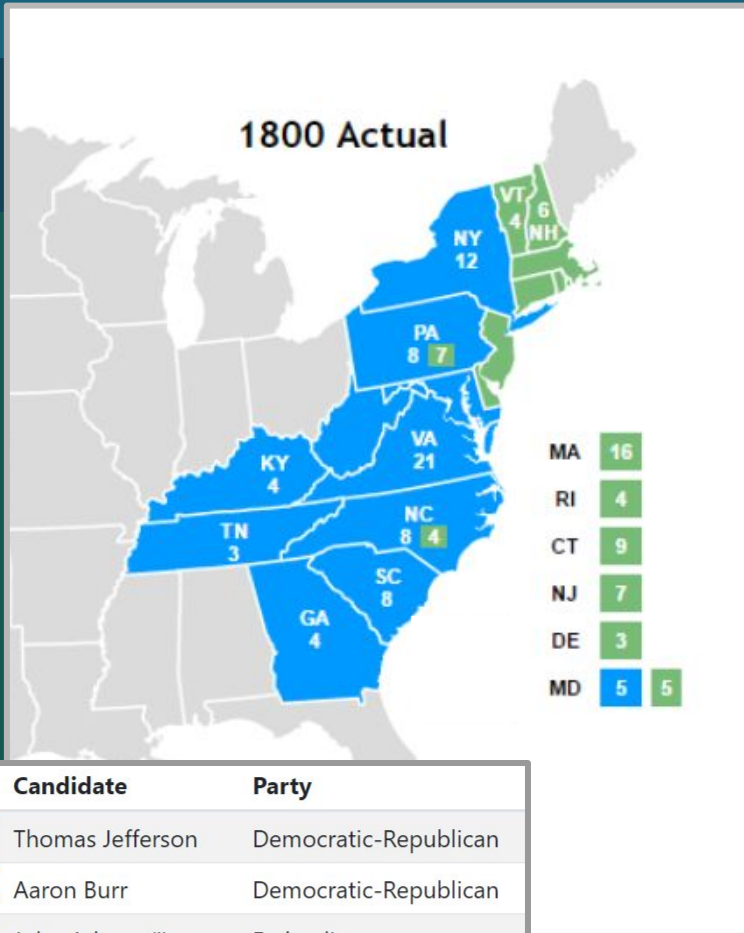
**Schenck vs. United States**

**1917-1918**



**Can you think of any present day examples of sedition been challenged?**

# Election of 1800



Turn  
and  
TALK

What do you notice?

Candidate	Party
Thomas Jefferson	Democratic-Republican
Aaron Burr	Democratic-Republican
John Adams (I)	Federalist
Charles C. Pinckney	Federalist

# Election of 1800

Another peaceful transfer of Power?



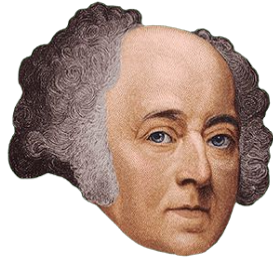
## Electoral College Results

- Jefferson – 73 (DR)
- Adams – 65 (F)
- Burr – 73 (DR)
- John Jay – 1 (F)
- Charles Pinckney – 64 (F)



**House of Representatives** votes 36 times before Jefferson is declared the winner.  
Aaron Burr is the Vice President

# Midnight Judges



Federal judges were appointed by John Adams at the last minute.

President Adams is said to have been signing appointments up until the midnight of his last day in office.

All of the appointments were delivered with the exception of 58



# Madison vs. Marbury

Jefferson tells his Secretary of State to lose the last 58 appointments.

One of the 58 is William Marbury. He sues Madison for losing his appointment.

Takes it to the Supreme Court and...



# JUDICIAL REVIEW

**Supreme Court figures out what its job is!!!!**



**John Marshall** - Chief Justice establishes the role of the Supreme Court.

**Judicial Review** - Gives the Supreme Court the power to strike down laws that are unconstitutional. Final say on the law.

# **Dinner Party Activity**

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