

John Adams

- Aaron Burr - 30
- Thomas Pinckney - 59
- Thomas Jefferson - 68
- John Adams – 71
- 157 to 71
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yiEO1jQcSjc>

1. Washington declared America neutral in war between France & England
2. Washington entered a treaty with Britain (Jay Treaty)
3. Threw out the French ambassador (Genet)
4. Appear to be ungrateful

XYZ Affair

Adams sends 3 delegates to France

- Pickney / 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

Want US to lend France 7 million dollars

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

War Fever

XYZ Affair causes an uproar

People want WAR with France

Federalist demanded Adams act.

Adams Acts

Increases size of Army (Congress)

Creates the Navy (Father of the Navy)

Negotiates with France to stop attacks.

Alien and Sedition Acts

Federalists' fear France

- Mistrust immigrants
- Bring dangerous ideas & will back those who support French (Republicans)
- Decide need to control/destroy Republicans and those who support them (immigrants?)

Alien Acts

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

Sedition Acts

Sedition is any activity designed to overthrow a government.

Limited Free Speech

Made it a crime to write or say anything against or insulting about the President, Congress or the government in general

1798-99 - Ten people were convicted under the act. (Republicans - newspaper people)

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
- Stated they were unconstitutional and that they “nullified” them in the two states.

