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| **FEAR OF FACTIONS AND MOBS** |

In this activity, you will learn more about the founding generation’s fear of factions and mobs and how one function of a constitution is to structure covering so that it might slow down the political process, cool emotions, curb passions, frustrate factions, and promote deliberation and compromise. The ultimate goal? To craft a government that gets better results—results driven by reason (not passion) and promoting the common good (not factional self-interest).

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Read excerpts from the [Primary Source: *Federalist* No. 10 and *Federalist* No. 55](https://constitutioncenter.org/education/classroom-resource-library/classroom/3.5-primary-source-the-federalist-papers) and answer the following questions. Be prepared to discuss as a class.

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| How would you describe Madison’s vision? Do you find it persuasive? What are some of its strengths and weaknesses for his time? Are they the same today? |
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| Consider Madison’s arguments today. What challenges do modern developments like social media present to Madison’s vision? |
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| Does Madison provide us with a vision that might address them? |
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