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Dickinson’s Analogy for Federalism

In this speech at the federal Constitutional Convention, John Dickinson of Delaware insisted that the new government should be as well-designed and harmonious as the solar system. During the Enlightenment, philosophers believed that both governments and the natural world followed predictable natural laws. The framers of the Constitution worked to create a balanced government that would conform to the laws of nature and preserve natural rights.

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