

## **POLI 100C: Political Parties**

**Agenda: 15 January 2008**

- B. General Theme -- The interaction of Private Property Rights and Representative Democracy. This interaction is *dynamic* and produces feedback effects between the Political System and the Economic System.**
- C. The Historical Context of *Federalist # 10***
- 1. The Colonial Economy**
    - a. Virginia: Tobacco and Indentured Servitude**
    - b. The Carolinas: Naval Stores, Indigo, and Rice**
    - c. Georgia: Rice**
    - d. New England: Timber, grains, Rum, Ships**
  - 2. Colonial Politics**
    - a. BiCameral Legislatures -- House of Burgesses in Virginia founded 1619**
      - Population Based**
      - Legislatures Expanded as Population Expanded**
      - Legislatures *Very Active* -- Land had to be distributed; public facilities had to be provided for an ever rapidly growing population**
    - b. Social Classes were *Very Fluid* -- No Real Aristocracy**
    - c. Economy Rapidly Shifted as it Diversified with the Rapidly Expanding Population -- This Constantly Produced New Self-Made Men -- Successful Merchants, Shippers, Growers, Mechanics, etc. -- So Political Alliances were fluid and were in constant ferment.**
    - d. The Royal Governors did not have enough British Troops to enforce their will so they were never able to assert much control.**

- e. **The combination of Fluid Social Classes and little or no British Military presence, meant that the rampant factionalism was uncontrollable.**

**3. The Economic Grievances that led to the War for Independence**

- a. **The Navigation Acts and Enumerated Articles**
- b. **The Cost of the French-Indian War 1753-1763**
- c. **British Payment of Defense Costs of Colonies Led to Attempts to Tax**

**4. The Political Grievances that led to the War for Independence**

- a. **The Economic Burden of Taxation by Britain**
- b. **Winners and Losers From the Navigation Acts**
- c. **Various Acts of Parliament 1763 - 1774 that Negated Fundament Rights of the Colonists**

**5. The Interaction Between the Economic and Political Grievances**

**D. Federalist # 10**