

Lesson 2-4: Analyzing the Features of the *Articles of Confederation*

Placard	Feature	Why This Was Included In the Articles of Confederation	Possible Problems with This Feature
A			Lack of leadership from the central (federal) government. No single leader for the government.
B		Wanted to protect individual states' power. Fear of a strong central (federal) government.	
C			States often chose not to pay taxes, and the federal (central) government didn't have the funds to operate effectively.
D		Fear of a central (federal) government with a strong army that might take away citizens' rights.	

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E		Fear of a central (federal) government with a court system that might be unfair to the rights of states.	
F			Nearly impossible to make changes to Articles. Any one state could stop an amendment that all the other states wanted.
G		Fear of a strong central (federal) government that could force states to pay for things they didn't want.	
H			Disputes among states often could not be resolved. Created disunity among states.