

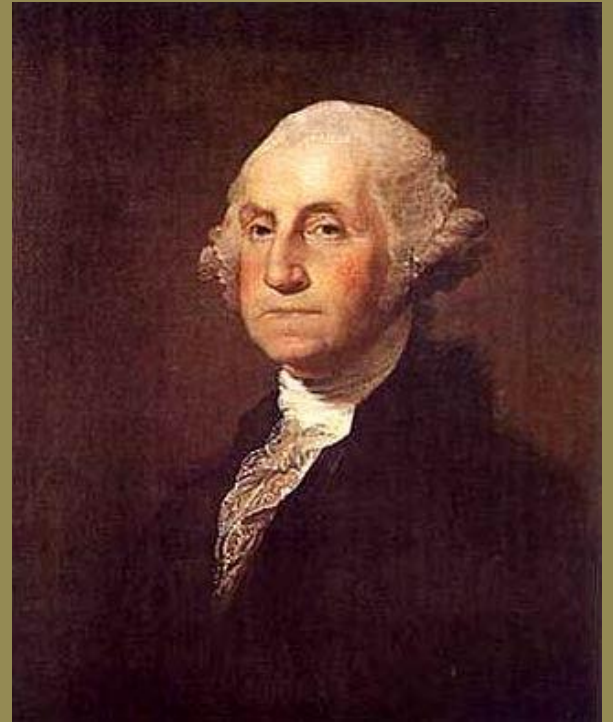
Why is Washington often  
considered one of our greatest  
presidents?

- Do Now: Which presidents do you think historians have ranked as the greatest presidents? Why?

- [presidentialrankings.docx](#)

- In every survey the top three have been Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Washington.
- Why Lincoln and Roosevelt?
  - Lincoln
    - Led country through greatest crisis – Civil War
  - Roosevelt
    - Led country through crises – Great Depression and World War II.

And so why Washington?





- Do you think a president's character matters?
- Is it important for a president to set a good example?

- Civic Virtue

- Putting country and your community above your own self interest
- Washington did not seek the presidency – he did not run or want to serve. He was chosen by the electoral college to serve
- He could have held office for life - but declared he would not accept a third term.

# Precedent

- an earlier event or action that is regarded as an example or guide to be considered in subsequent similar circumstances.



# Precedents

- Established the Cabinet
  - **State Department** – to deal with foreign affairs
    - Secretary of State – Thomas Jefferson
  - **Treasury Department** – to manage finances
    - Secretary of the Treasury – Alexander Hamilton
  - **War Department** – to handle military matters
- Federal Court System (Judiciary Act of 1789)
- Two-Term Tradition (broken by F.D.R.)
- Neutrality in Foreign Affairs – not taking sides

# Supreme Court



Circuit Courts of Appeals  
(12 Circuits)

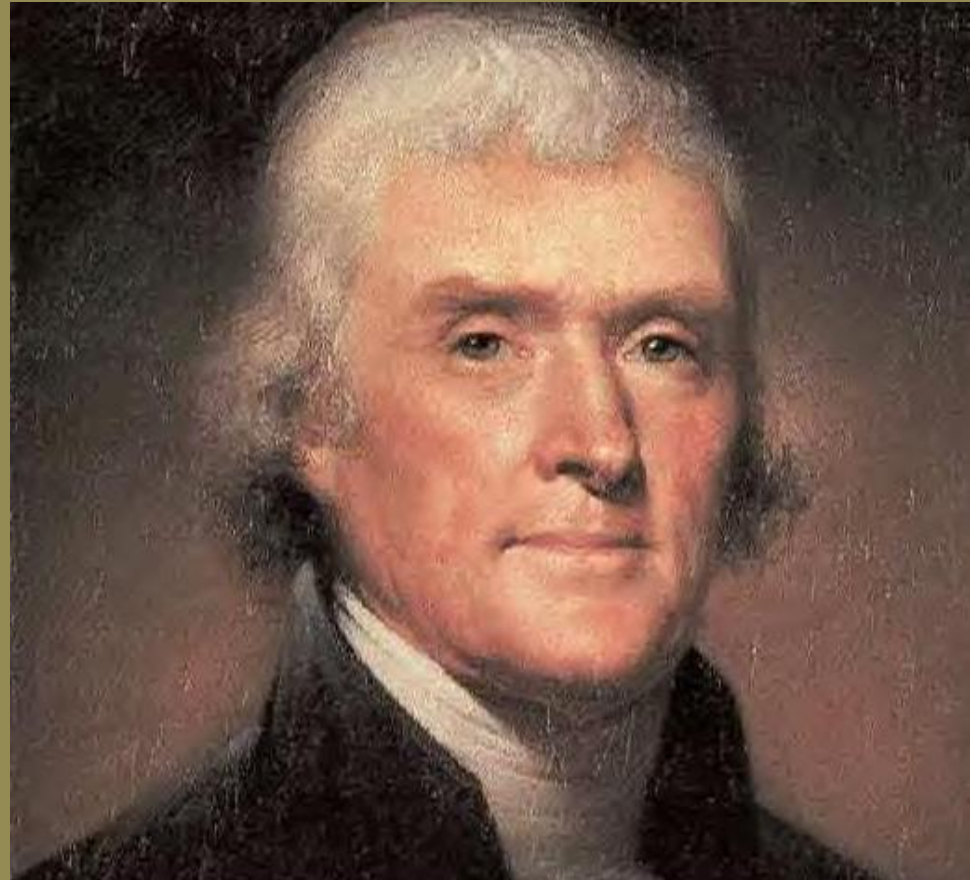
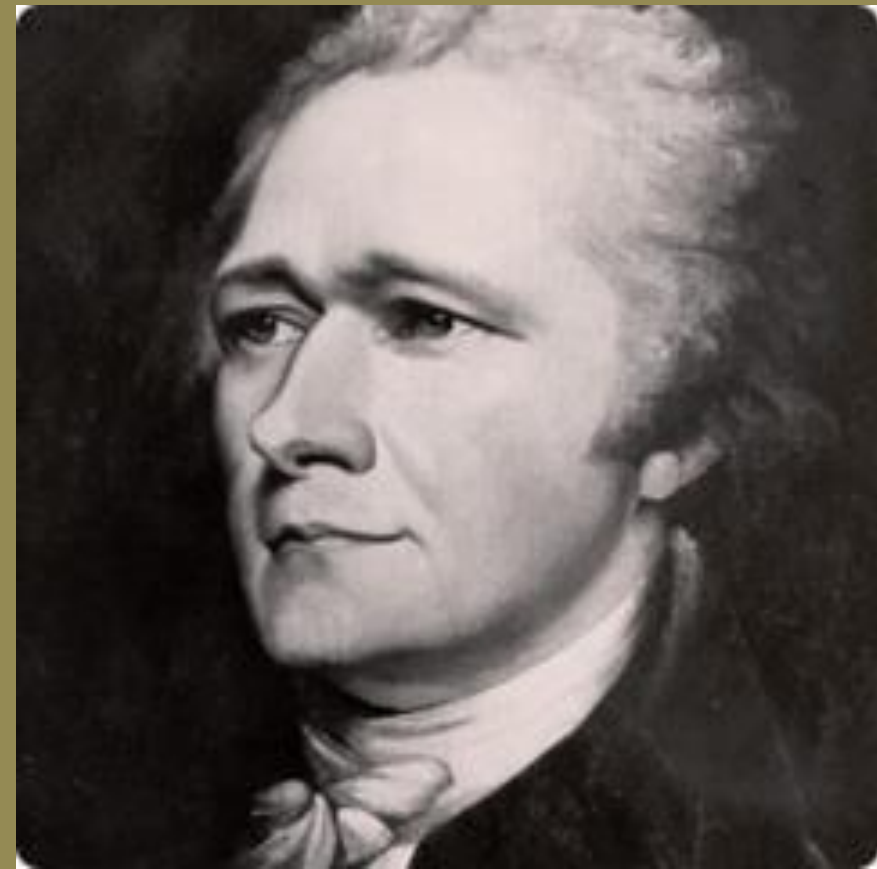


District Courts

# Political Party

- a group organized to acquire and exercise political power.

# Federalists v. Democratic-Republicans



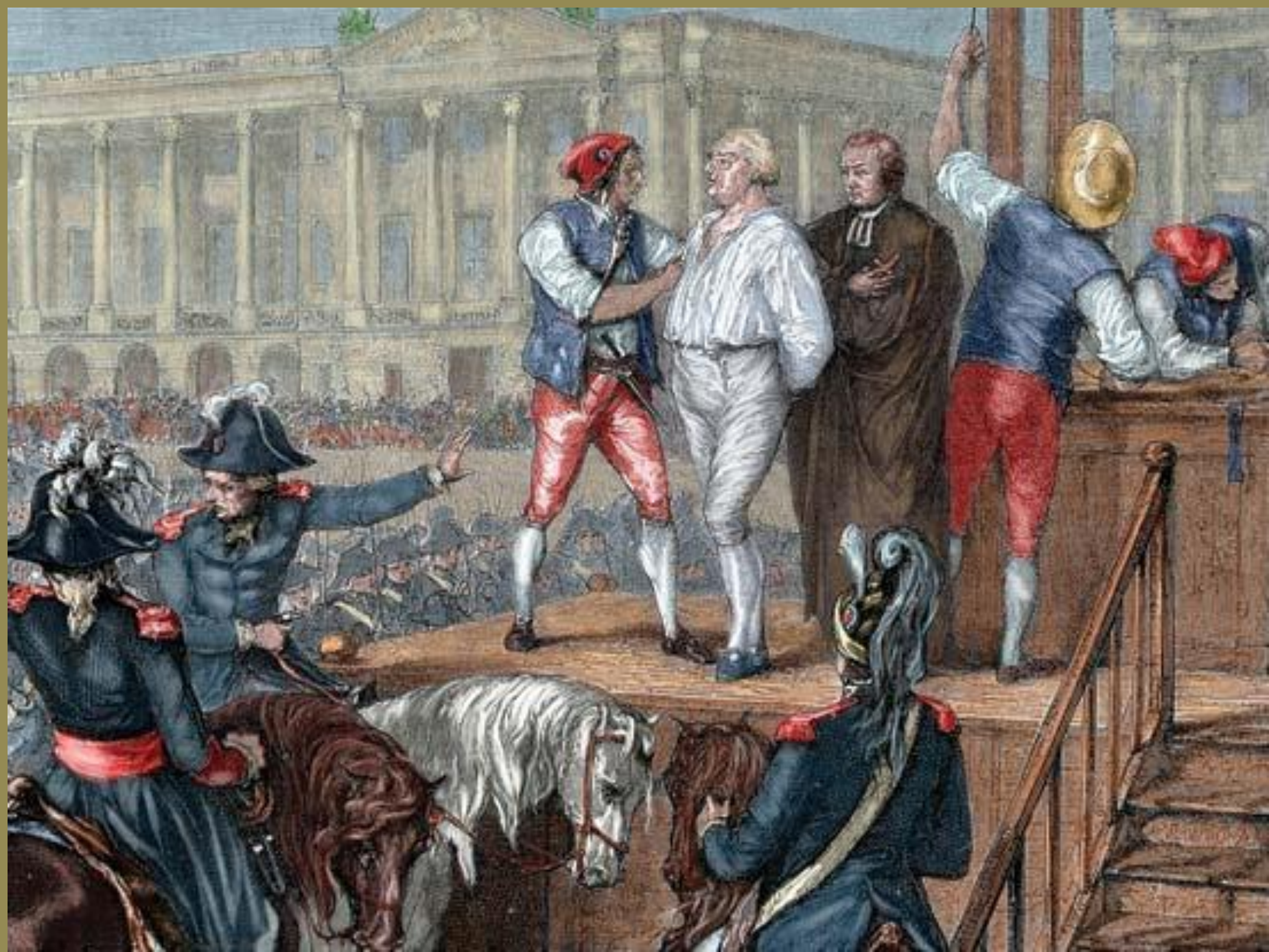
# Foreign Policy

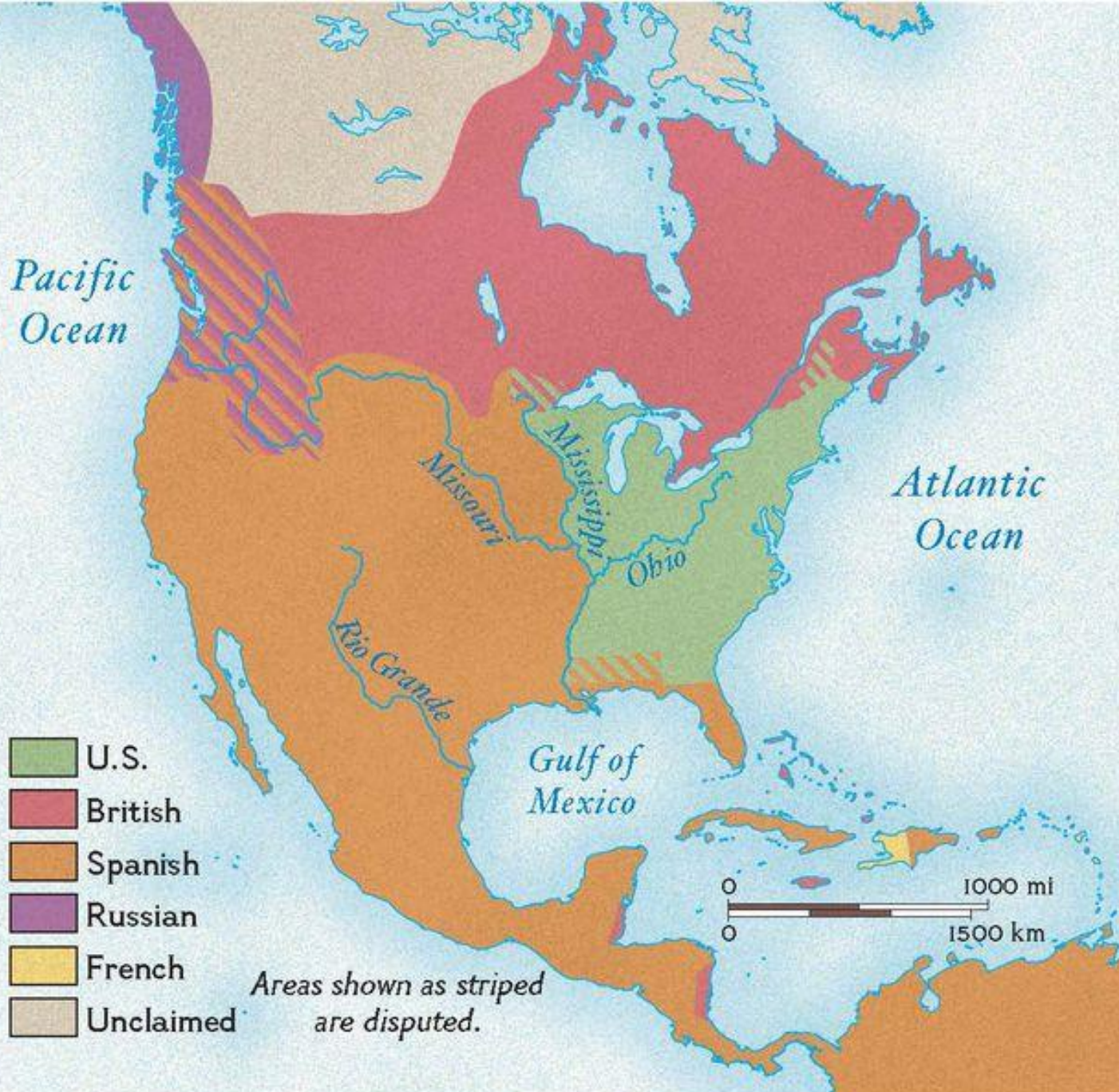
- Identify THREE different foreign policies.
- How would you describe foreign policy today?  
Explain.

# Washington's Foreign Policy

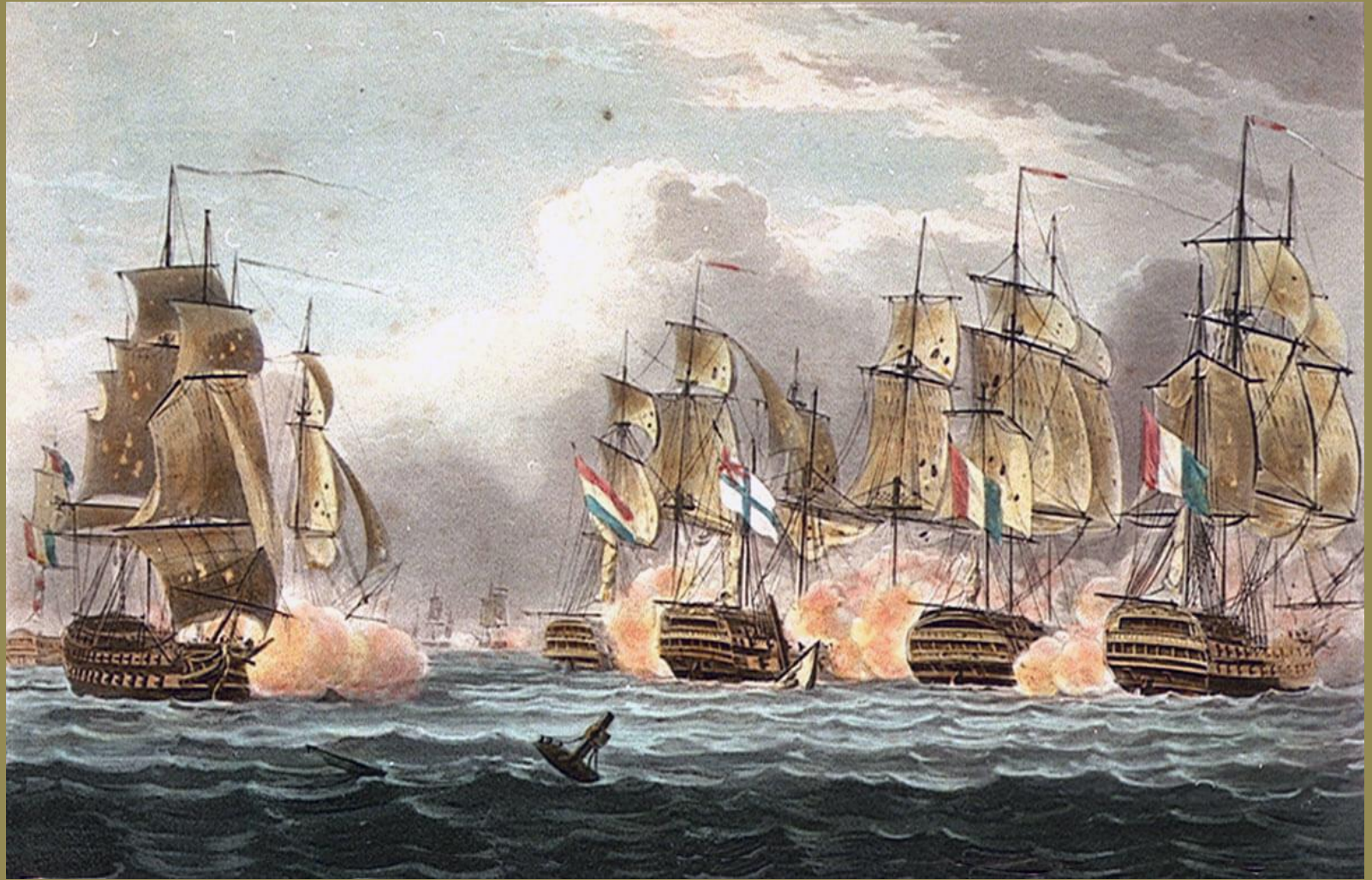
- To what extent did he follow his own advice?
- Washington's Policies
  - **Proclamation of Neutrality** -
  - **Jay Treaty** – over control of the land west of the Appalachian.
  - **Pinkney Treaty** – Treaty with Spain over land west of the Mississippi and Florida











# Quasi War

- XYZ Affair
- “Millions for Defense, Not One Cent for Tribute”



- [frontline: the choice 2004: leadership: rating the presidents - washington to clinton | PBS](#)