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# A More Perfect Union

"U.S. Constitution & Purpose of Government"

JOHN LOCKE:

It's John Locke representing the Enlightenment. I got it on lock.

THOMAS JEFFERSON:

Who wrote the Declaration of Independence? It's Thomas Jefferson.

JAMES MADISON:

Yeah, yeah, yeah. It's James Madison. The father of the Constitution.

JOHN LOCKE:

I'm the thinker with the theories 'bout the government,

Got the Enlightenment on lock, because I'm running it.

You wannabe Beyonces - change your clothes,

I wrote down thoughts and I changed the globe.

Like we're born with unalienable rights,

Then we form governments to make the people act nice.

You can ask my French homme-y Montesquieu,

When we set up governments what we all should do:

The powers of the state should be separate,

In case the king is a jerk and not a gentleman.

Plus I wrote about religious tolerance,

And said the state shouldn't dictate religion or abolish it.

I advocate revolution like Che,

When the state gets too powerful and too paid.

Your whole country owes me a debt,

The name's John Locke, don't forget.

THOMAS JEFFERSON:

Ayo, I'm ill with the quill skills, I'm Thomas Jefferson,  
Every line I wrote probably hit you like some medicine.  
British Parliament - they won't even let us in?  
I've got a bright idea like Thomas Edison,  
We'll govern ourselves, tell the English "peace,"  
Founding Fathers agreed and called upon me  
To write a declaration that we should be free.  
What should I put in it? Well let's see...  
Inspiration came from the Enlightenment,  
So I'll use those ideas when I'm writing it.  
We're born with certain natural rights,  
The pursuit of happiness, liberty, and life.  
These rights aren't given to us by the state,  
We form governments just to keep 'em safe.  
And when the government is not tolerant,  
It's our right to rebel and abolish it.

JAMES MADISON:

Check the status son, I'm James Madison,  
I'm at the White House, you staying at the Radisson.  
I'm the father of the Constitution — I drafted it,  
And it wasn't an accident.  
The question for me: Should America be  
Sovereign states joined sorta loosely? (No!)  
The Articles of Confederation were weak,  
We need a government that's more like Bruce Lee —  
Strong. 'Cause if it can't raise cash,  
Who's gonna respect a government like that?  
A federal government will pass laws for the nation,  
So we need bodies to write the legislation.

And we need justice, federal courts,  
A president to lead, he will be the voice.  
We'll be taxing, to pay for the action,  
We'll have a standing army, no relaxing.  
Let's go!

Form a more perfect union,  
Establish justice,  
Insure domestic tranquility,  
Provide for the common defense,  
Promote the general welfare,  
Secure the blessing of liberty,  
To our ourselves and our posterity...