

# THE GREAT COMPROMISE

(ALSO CALLED THE CONNECTICUT COMPROMISE)



How did the framers establish a system of representation in the U.S. Congress that is fair to everyone?

## New Jersey Plan

Every state has the same number of representatives in Congress, no matter how many people live there or how big the state is.

*Who does this plan favor?* People living in small states.

## Virginia Plan

The number of representatives each state has in Congress is determined by their population. Larger states have more representatives, while smaller states have fewer representatives.

*Who does this plan favor?* People living in large states.

## The Connecticut Compromise

Congress will be divided into two chambers. The New Jersey Plan will be adopted for one chamber, the U.S. Senate. The Virginia Plan will be adopted by the other chamber, the U.S. House of Representatives.



### U.S. Senate

Every state has two senators.



### U.S. House of Representatives

Every state has a different number of representatives based on their population.

