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Charles A. Beard's *An Economic Interpretation of the United States Constitution* was a work of such powerful persuasiveness as to alter the course of American historiography. No historian

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who followed in studying the making of the Constitution was entirely free from Beard's radical interpretation of the document as serving the economic interests of the Framers as members of the

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McDonald's We the People was
the first major challenge to
Beard's thesis. This superbly
researched and documented
volume restored the
Constitution as the work of*

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*principled and prudential men.
It did much to invalidate the
crude economic determinism
that had become endemic in
the writing of American history.
We the People fills in the
details that Beard had*

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overlooked in his fragmentary
book. MacDonald's work is
based on an exhaustive
comparative examination of
the economic biographies of
the 55 members of the
Constitutional Convention and

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*the 1,750 members of the
state ratifying conventions. His
conclusion is that on the basis
of evidence, Beard's economic
interpretation does not hold.
McDonald demonstrates
conclusively that the interplay*

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of conditioning or determining factors at work in the making of the Constitution was extremely complex and cannot be rendered intelligible in terms of any single system of interpretation. McDonald's

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classic work, while never denying economic motivation as a factor, also demonstrates how the rich cultural and political mosaic of the colonies was an independent and dominant factor in the decision

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People is both a major work of
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*history of ideas. It continues to
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This essay analyzes the Pashtunwali,
the tribal code of the Pashtuns, from a
political economy perspective.

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Though it bears some similarity with customary laws of other Afghan tribes, the Pashtun customs are distinctive both for their persistence and harshness. The norms of the Pashtunwali provide an illustration of the logic of retaliation in private legal

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systems as well as an institutional solution - the jirga - to minimize the threat of escalation. The paper also considers two normative problems associated with the Pashtunwali: gender inequities and relatively high levels of violence. It considers a

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simple strategy for introducing greater normative coherence to the Pashtunwali that might also ameliorate its morally troubling aspects - the expansion of literacy. While not a panacea, greater levels of education could potentially facilitate

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Many important questions regarding the creation and adoption of the United States Constitution remain unresolved. Did slaveholdings or financial holdings significantly influence our Founding

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More Perfect Union successfully answers these questions and offers an economic explanation for the behavior of our Founding Fathers during the nation's constitutional founding. In 1913, American historian Charles A. Beard controversially argued in his

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book An Economic Interpretation of the
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the framers and ratifiers of the
Constitution were less interested in
furthering democratic principles than
in advancing specific economic and
financial interests. Beard's thesis

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eventually emerged as the standard historical interpretation and remained so until the 1950s. Since then, many constitutional and historical scholars have questioned an economic interpretation of the Constitution as being too narrow or too calculating,

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Madison, George Mason and the other
Founding Fathers did act as much for
economic motives as for abstract
ideals. To Form a More Perfect Union
offers compelling evidence showing
that the economic, financial, and other

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techniques, as well as the processing of
vast amounts of data on the economic
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economic interpretation of the
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sources, demonstrating the degree to which each stood to benefit from various Constitutional provisions.

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used. First, there is the primary book, which is usually a very condensed narrative with emphasis on biographies and anecdotes. Second, there is the advanced text for the seventh or eighth grade, generally speaking, an expansion of the elementary book by the addition of

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forty or fifty thousand words. Finally, there is the high school manual. This, too, ordinarily follows the beaten path, giving fuller accounts of the same events and characters. To put it bluntly, we do not assume that our children obtain permanent possessions from their study of

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history in the lower grades. If mathematicians followed the same method, high school texts on algebra and geometry would include the multiplication table and fractions. The economic history of revolutionary France is still a neglected area in studies of the revolution of 1789.

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While some attention has been given to the condition of the peasants, the urban working classes and the financial crisis of the Ancien Régime, there has been a general tendency to regard economic factors as external and somewhat peripheral to the truly political nature of the Revolution. This

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book is designed to redress the balance, providing a clear, accessible and thought-provoking guide to the economic background to the French Revolution. Professor Aftalion analyzes the policies followed by successive Revolutionary assemblies, examining in detail taxation, the

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confiscation of church property, the assignats, and the siege economy of the Terror. He shows how decisions taken in 1789 by the Constituent Assembly inevitably led to a deepening financial and economic crisis, and to increasingly radical and disastrous policies. The study is

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important also for its exposure of
many of the economic fallacies
propounded both by many Frenchmen
at the time, and later by many modern
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wrote that 'whoever leaves economic pressures out of history or out of discussion of public questions is in mortal peril of substituting mythology for reality.' It was Beard's view that the founding fathers, especially Madison, Jay, and Hamilton, never made such a miscalculation. Indeed, these

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statesmen placed themselves among
the great practitioners of all ages and
gave instructions to succeeding
generations in the art of government
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classical political economy. In this new
printing of a major classic in American
historiography, Louis Filler provides a

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sense of the person behind the book,
the background that enabled Beard to
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century. While the controversies over
Beard's book have quieted, the issues
which it raised have hardly abated.
Indeed, one can say that just about

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every major work in the politics and economics of the American nation must contend with Beard's classic work. Beard's work rests on an examination of primary documents: land and slave owners, geographic distribution of money, ownership of public securities, the specific condition

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of those who were disenfranchised as well as those who were in charge of the nascent American economy. The great merit of Beard's work is that despite its incendiary potential, he himself viewed An Economic Interpretation in coldly analytical terms, seeing such a position as giving

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comfort to neither revolutionaries nor
reactionaries. Attacked by Marxists for
being too mechanical, and by
conservatives as being blind to the
moral purposes of the framers of the
constitution, the work continues to
exercise a tremendous influence on all
concerned. The fact that Beard wrote

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with a scalpel-like precision that gripped the attention of those in power no less than the common man is, it should be added, no small element in the enduring forces of this work.

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