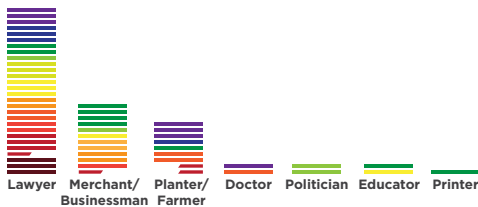


# SNAPSHOT OF AMERICA: WHO WERE THE FOUNDERS?



The Granger Collection, New York

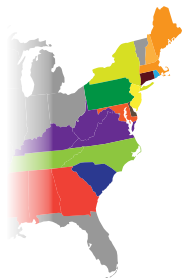
## Occupations of the Founders



## Religions of the Founders



## Ratification by State



New Hampshire - Jun. 21, 1788  
New York - Jul. 26, 1788  
Massachusetts - Feb. 7, 1788 (including Maine)  
Connecticut - Jan. 9, 1788  
Rhode Island - May 29, 1790  
Pennsylvania - Dec. 12, 1787  
New Jersey - Dec. 18, 1787  
Delaware - Dec. 7, 1787  
Maryland - Apr. 28, 1788  
Virginia - Jun. 26, 1788  
North Carolina - Nov. 21, 1789  
South Carolina - May 23, 1788  
Georgia - Jan. 2, 1788

## How Many Signed and How Many Didn't?



Walked out and didn't sign  
Oliver Ellsworth (CT)  
James McClurg (VA)  
George Wythe (VA)  
Alexander Martin (NC)  
William R. Davie (NC)  
Robert Yates (NY)  
John Lansing Jr. (NY)  
William Houston (GA)  
William Pierce (GA)  
Caleb Strong (MA)  
John F. Mercer (MD)  
Luther Martin (MD)  
William Houston (NJ)

Abstained from signing  
Elbridge Gerry (MA)  
George Mason (VA)  
Edmund J. Randolph (VA)

## BEHIND THE NUMBERS

The founders were clearly an elite group of men. They attended the top schools and most were successful and wealthy. In general, how does one's economic and social status affect one's political views? Are your views shaped by your own circumstances? Can a government created by "an assembly of demigods" work for the rest of us mortals?