

EFFECT:
Each state could interpret national laws as it chose.



Weakness:
No national court system

EFFECT:
Limited Confederation's ability to act swiftly and decisively.



Weakness:
Supermajority (9 of 13) required to pass major laws

EFFECT:
National laws and policies were enforced differently (if at all) in each state.



Weakness:
No executive power

EFFECT:
States became divided from each other as they competed for foreign trade advantages AND foreign countries lost respect for the United States.



Weakness:
Shared power to conduct foreign affairs with the states.

EFFECT:
States became divided from each other as they competed for trade advantages.



Weakness:
No power to regulate interstate trade.

EFFECT:

States became divided from each other when they refused to accept each others' currency.



Weakness:

Shared power to coin money with the states

EFFECT:

States with their own armies saw no need for a federal militia.



Weakness:

Shared power to raise armies with the states.

EFFECT:

The Confederation could not raise funds to pay its debts or implement national laws.



Weakness:

No power to tax