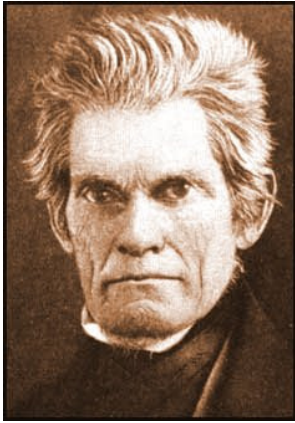


JOHN CALDWELL CALHOUN (1782-1850)



A power has risen up in the government greater than the people themselves, consisting of many and various and powerful interests, combined into one mass, and held together by the cohesive power of the vast surplus in the banks.

- ◆ Político e doutrinador norte-americano, com origens presbiterianas, tornando-se no paradigma dos pensadores do sulismo democrático. Reconhece que *it is harder to preserve than to obtain liberty*.
- ◆ Ministro da guerra entre 1817 e 1825 e vice-presidente de John Quincy Adams (1825-1829) e de Andrew Jackson (1829-1833). Senador desde 1833. Secretário de Estado em 1844-1845.
- ◆ Em 1828, defende a hipótese de cada Estado poder anular qualquer acto do governo federal. *The Government of the absolute majority instead of the Government of the people is but the Government of the strongest interests; and when not efficiently checked, it is the most tyrannical and oppressive that can be devised.*
- ◆ Em meados da década de trinta, chega a fundar *The Whig Party*, mas logo regressa aos democratas.

● *A Disquisition on Government*, 1853. Ed. C. Gordon Post, Indianapolis, Bobbs-Merrill, 1953.

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☑ Kirk (CR), pp. 155 segs. ; Kirk (1985), pp. 168 segs..