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# Comparing Plans of the Constitutional Convention

## The Virginia Plan

- I. Proposed by James Madison
- II. Called for A Legislative Branch with **2 houses**
- III. Number of representatives is based on each state's population
- IV. One house elected directly by the people & members of that house elect members the 2nd house
- V. There will be 3 branches of government
  - a. Legislative – make laws
  - b. Executive – enforce laws
  - c. Judicial – interpret laws

## The New Jersey Plan

- I. Proposed by William Patterson
- II. Called for a legislature with **1 house**
- III. Each state, regardless of population or size, would send the same number of representatives to Congress
- IV. Small states would have **the same amount** of votes as larger states

## Analysis Questions

1. According to the Virginia Plan, what should the national government be made up of? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. How many houses does Congress have under the Virginia Plan? How are they elected? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What are examples of states that would support the Virginia Plan? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How is the New Jersey Plan different from the Virginia Plan? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What states might support the New Jersey Plan? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Why do you think small states were against the Virginia Plan? \_\_\_\_\_  
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