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Glaring Weakness

A constitution is a set of laws governing a country or state. The Articles of Confederation was America's first constitution. It worked great during the Revolutionary War, but its limitations threatened to destroy the new nation after the war.

Among other things it:

- gave the states too much power.
- was difficult to change unless all 13 states agreed.
- perpetuated conflict within states and between states.
- required Congress to request (rather than demand) money from states.
- could not regulate business between states or between states and other nations.
- was authorized to declare war on other nations, but not to draft soldiers from the states.

Based on the information above and what you know about the Articles of Confederation, what do you think was its most GLARING or serious weakness. Give details explaining your answer.

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