

The Great Compromise

In 1787, America seemed on the path to dissolution. During the Constitutional Convention, the large states and the small states could not agree on the issue of representation in Congress. The large states favored proportional representation, while the smaller states refused and feared their interests would be ignored. It wasn't until Roger Sherman and Oliver Ellsworth of Connecticut came up with the idea of two Congressional houses, one with proportional representation and one with equal representation, that the possibility of ratification emerged and eventually came into fruition. It was the greatest compromise in America's young history.

Have you ever been in a situation where you had to compromise? What did you give up and what did you gain? Explain below: