Do we need any government?

What would happen without an organized government of any kind?

What were the colonists most afraid of in forming a new government?

REPUBLIC – a government in which the people chose representatives to govern them

In 1776 the Continental Congress passed a plan for a national government – THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION

The national government would be run by a Continental Congress
All the states approved the Articles of Confederation in 1781 and it became the official government.

The national government could wage war, make peace, sign treaties, and issue money.

The Articles of Confederation left most of the power to the states.

The Articles did negotiate a peace with England after the war and set up a plan to organize the Northwestern Territory.

The Articles created a very weak national government and had many weaknesses.

**Weaknesses of the Articles:**

1) Lacked power to enforce laws.
WEAKNESSES OF THE ARTICLES:

2) Lacked the power to levy taxes

3) Could not regulate trade between the states

4) All 13 states had to vote yes to change the Articles

Other weaknesses included no military, no President, no national court system, no national control over trade with other countries

The Articles of Confederation become a temporary solution

THE END