**Washington’s Farewell Address**

Excerpt from Washington’s Farewell Address:

“... One of the expedients of Party to acquire influence, within particular [party], is to misrepresent the opinions & aims of other [parties]. You cannot shield yourselves too much against the jealousies & heart burnings which spring from these misrepresentations. They tend to render [bad] to each other those who ought to be bound together by fraternal Affection... I have already [told] to you the danger of Parties in the [government], with particular reference to the founding of them on Geographical discriminations. Let me … warn you in the most solemn manner against the [awful] effects of the Spirit of Party.”

1. How does Washington say political parties acquire influence?
2. What does Washington believe the danger is with the ways parties have been formed?

“a passionate attachment of one nation for another produces a variety of evils. Sympathy for the favorite nation, facilitating the illusion of an imaginary common interest in cases where no real common interest exists, and infusing into one the enmities of the other, betrays the former into a participation in the quarrels and wars of the latter without adequate inducement or justification. ..Why [leave] our own [land] to stand upon foreign ground? Why, by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, [rivalry], interest, humor or [impulse]?...It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world”

1. What does Washington believe may arise from “sympathy for the favorite nation”?
2. Does Washington believe European toils are justified?
3. What does Washington believe America’s “true policy” should be?