

Our States, Our Rights

Educate, Elect, Energize, Engage

Part Two

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How to Find Part One of this Series

- A video is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zhonx92EQFs>
- A PDF version of the PowerPoint presentation can be e-mailed upon request
- Both versions will be available soon on the new ***Our States, Our Rights*** Website
- Contact James Keena at jameskeena2084@gmail.com if you need help finding Part One (e.g., I can e-mail a URL hotlink)

Key Points from Part One

- The American Revolution was an *idea* that turned the political world upside down
- Individual Sovereignty replaced centralized authority
- To protect our new freedoms from a hostile world, the Founders joined in a federation of states that had limited powers
- To constrain the new federal government, and to protect individual and state sovereignty, a Constitution was ratified
- The Constitution is essentially checks and balances to restrain federal usurpation of power from individuals and states
- Most of those checks and balances have failed over time, for various reasons (usually associated with crises)
- American culture is shifting from one of Individual Sovereignty to one of Collectivism that is desperate for more and more government

Key Points from Part One (Continued)

- The federal government is now so big and powerful that it can do anything it wants, which means we are on the verge of post-Constitutional America.
- It doesn't matter which political party controls Washington, because the elitist cabal of Big Banks, Big Tech, Big Media, and Big Education corrupts all politicians we send there.
- Washington can no longer be reformed through Washington, by Washington politicians.
- The only viable check and balance remaining is for us to challenge the cabal in Washington by asserting our States' Rights and individual sovereignty
- We have come full circle – the states formed the federal government, and it is up to the states to put it back in its place. Washington in 2022 is akin to London in 1776.

The Only Remaining “Check” is States’ Rights

- The other Checks and Balances are controlled by the DC establishment
- Citizens have more direct control over state government than the federal government
- States have geographic, economic, and operational resources that political parties or networks of angry individuals do not
- It is much harder for the cabal of global Elites to corrupt 50 states than to corrupt one swamp in Washington
- An alliance of independent-minded states willing to confront Washington can have tremendous power and influence
- We are not obligated to humbly submit to Washington. Their only real power over us comes through intimidation and coercion. ***We the People*** in the states outnumber the Elites by hundreds of millions (including a lot of truckers).

Key Areas of Conflict Regarding Federalism

- The Supremacy Clause
- The Commerce Clause
- The General Welfare Clause
- The Necessary and Proper Clause
- Nullification
- MMT and the Banking Cartel
- ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance metrics), social credit scores, and Stakeholder Capitalism
- Education Cartel
- Crisis Management (Next Up: Climate Change)
- Supreme Court Challenges

Summary of Our Challenge

- Relying on national politicians is a trap!
 - The only winning move is not to play by Washington's rules, which are gamed in favor of the Elites
 - We should not be seduced into funneling all of our political energy and resources into fighting an unwinnable battle *in* Washington
- ***The states created the federal government***, and are the ultimate agents of the people
- An alliance of states passionate about their sovereignty and willing to confront Washington (or separate from it) will ultimately save America

The Launch of *Our States, our Rights*

- We are a volunteer organization of engaged citizens passionate about individual and state sovereignty
- Our vision: Less control by Washington, and more control by individuals over their lives
- We are guided by the spirit of the U.S. Constitution, the Declaration of American Independence, and specifically by the 9th and 10th Amendments
- We believe that resisting tyranny is our right and moral duty. We will do it without violence.
- Our efforts will be organized by the 4E's:
 - **Educate, Elect, Energize, and Engage**
- We will be ready to invite members to join us within the next 30 days

Making a Difference: Educate

- Daily blogs illustrating the role of States' Rights in current issues
- A resource repository:
 - Links to the Constitution and other foundational documents and resources
 - The meaning and purpose of the Ninth and Tenth Amendments
 - Examples of current abuses of state sovereignty and individual rights
 - Examples of current lawsuits and court cases involving federalism
 - Examples of current state legislation involving federalism
 - Landmark Supreme Court cases affecting federalism
 - Names and contact information for key state political leaders
 - Names and contact information for key media outlets
 - Toolbox to help each of us take personal action
- Develop *Our States, Our Rights* social media and radio presence
- Educate our state leaders on their proper role in federalism

Making a Difference: Elect

- Focus more energy and resources on electing **state** candidates committed to **acting** in support of the Ninth and Tenth Amendments
 - Governor
 - Attorney General
 - Secretary of State
 - Legislators
 - Supreme Court Justices
- Screen candidates with respect to States' Rights commitment
- Publicize the positions of candidates regarding States' Rights issues
- Create templates of sample vetting questions to ask candidates

Making a Difference: Energize our Leaders

- Hold the Governor accountable to States' Rights
 - Issue formal protests to Congress and to the President
 - Nullification: Refuse to allow state officials, personnel, facilities, or resources to execute unlawful federal mandates
 - Collaborate with other state governors on these matters
- Hold the state Attorney General accountable to States' Rights
 - Formal legal challenges to federal usurpations, up to the U.S. Supreme Court
 - Refuse to prosecute state citizens who resist unlawful federal intrusion
 - Collaborate with other state AG's to present a unified legal front to the federal government
- Hold the state Legislature accountable to States' Rights
 - Enact counter-legislation to onerous and unconstitutional federal mandates
 - Invoke Article 5 of the Constitution for a Convention of States to limit federal activism
 - Collaborate with other state legislatures on all of these initiatives

Making a Difference: Energize Ourselves

- Help educate our fellow citizens:
 - Share tools, information, and resources from *Our States, Our rights* with all social contacts
 - Request help from the **OSOR** team to host informational meetings, townhalls, and home visits
- Educate our children on States' Rights and Individual Sovereignty
 - Challenge the collectivist dogma of the public education establishment
 - Steer children toward literature, movies, websites, podcasts and other social mediums that champion freedom
 - Volunteer to help local groups that are reclaiming parental control over education
- Assist in grading politicians on their Tenth Amendment positions and performance
- Join OSOR and contribute your creativity and energy to help craft a freer and more prosperous future for everyone.

Making a Difference: Engage

- Press our state leaders to collaborate with other like-minded state leaders, especially aggressive ones like DeSantis, Noem, and Abbott
- Connect with national organizations who are pursuing related efforts:
 - Convention of States: Focused on Article 5 of the Constitution
 - Tenth Amendment Center: Focused on compiling and sharing 10A information
- Connect with like-minded grass roots organizations across Michigan to collaborate
 - Rekindle the Tea Party energy from 2010, but with a more potent and focused mission
- Actively recruit membership in OSOR. Key focuses:
 - Younger citizens
 - Disenchanted Independents and Democrats
 - Precinct Delegates

Current Examples of State 10A Resistance

- Various states are legislating against ESG and Social Credit Scores
- Florida legislation to limit sex/gender education for young students
- Florida set up its own monoclonal antibody distribution process when the federal government restricted supply
- Georgia is resisting federal influence over state election laws
- Texas is building sections of the wall after the Fed abandoned their responsibility
- Idaho introduced a bill to prevent the IRS from snooping into bank transactions
- Missouri passed a law to resist federal 2nd Amendment intrusions
- Five states are suing Biden over mandate for minimum wage for federal contractors
- Truckers are exercising their individual sovereignty using civil disobedience
- Marijuana legalization enacted in various states contrary to federal law
- Walled Lake Parents working with Thomas More Law Center to sue school board over mask mandates

Your Federalism Concerns

- Illegals being allowed to vote
- CRT in public schools
- Protecting and repairing election laws and integrity
- Federal executive orders that encroach on state sovereignty
- Preserving the Electoral College
- Keeping the filibuster in the Senate
- Finding effective candidates for offices in Michigan
- Medical freedom
- Getting the federal government out of education
- Protecting us from the Surveillance State
- Eliminating federal block grants with strings attached
- Many more excellent thoughts that we will incorporate into our OSOR mission

Group Discussion: What Tools do you Need?

- List of tools and resources that would help you act and engage:
 - Educational webinars and zoom meetings
 - Template of pertinent questions for politicians
 - Find candidates willing to embrace our concepts
 - Make presentation videos and documents available
 - Connect with other groups to synergize efforts
 - Hillsdale and mackinac center
 - Align with legal resources to fight back
 - Celebrate and sensational victories
 - Post cards and leave-behinds of key points and issues
 - Judge Warren as a guest contributor
 - Figure out how to spread the message in schools
 - Simplify and stay focused on a clear message
 - Arm people with specific examples and victories

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 - Great Lakes Justice Center in Lansing (Wagner) as an ally
 - Item 2

Closing Thoughts

- Local issues are important in state elections, but the biggest issue of all is what to do about the 800-pound gorilla in Washington – it can usurp anything the states are trying to do
- The aim of ***Our States, Our Rights*** is to ignite a movement that spreads like wildfire to other states
- Our biggest fear:
 - A government that can do anything it wants to, while individuals have to ask for permission for everything.
- What the Elites in Washington fear most:
 - The day when millions of us stop fearing them
- Benjamin Franklin: “A republic...if you can keep it.”



Questions and Answers