

# Why The Tenth?

Perhaps this topic applies overall to the United States Constitution itself, the idea that this is completely beyond politics itself. There is one common misconception about constitutionalism and that is about it being a political matter. It is not. But this is the common misconception that allows Americans to ignore it and thus forget the present crisis involving unrestricted government.

I offer a quote, which I never heard until Michael Gallucci put it on the front page of Focus On The Tenth, from Thomas Jefferson: "I consider the foundation of the Constitution as laid on this ground: That 'all powers not delegated to the United States, by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States or to the people.' To take a single step beyond the boundaries thus specially drawn around the powers of Congress, is to take possession of a boundless field of power, no longer susceptible of any definition."

This quote alone hits the reason on why the Tenth Amendment is so important. Whereas the other portions of the Bill of Rights list specific rights of the people, the Tenth Amendment not only acts as an affirmation of the rights of the people over their government, but then takes it a step further by specifically denying the Federal Government anything that it is not enumerated in the Constitution. This was the chain on the beast and our founders all realized this. They remembered this, for they had the Revolution still on their minds and the long days prior of oppression beneath the British.

Here is a quote by George Washington, General in the American Revolution and first President of the United States: "Government is not reason; it is not eloquent; it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master." This is another reason why the Tenth Amendment was included. Although many believed the principle behind it was implied, others knew that if it was not legally defined, then it would be a loophole that would be exploited by tyranny. It was more than just a political maneuver as part of the calming of the Antifederalists, it was a method of safeguarding the fragile experiment known as the American Republic.

Now add a point to this brief moment in history, it is that we have lost our understanding of what it is we used to stand for and the tragedy that has become of an ambitious experiment, the American Republic. Even as we inherit the American legacy, we do not understand it. We do not understand, as we are taxed excessively under a complicated tax code justified by unconstitutional measures, to support doctrines and philosophies we often disagree with. We do not understand as we are being told that being spied and closely monitored will help stop terrorists. We live in a country where we are told that we are being attacked by terrorists because they hate the free world and its freedom, then proceed to make this world less free by removing more of its freedom. I don't understand. Is the Federal Government indirectly calling itself terrorist?

The answers aren't there. You have the radical ends that offer dangerous solutions that will provide zero positive products. Those who seek aggression and violence and those who seek to nothing at all; these people will do more harm than good to the Republic. Either abiding by a doctrine of extremism or a doctrine of allowing the Fedzilla beast to run free and unchained, the

fact still remains that the Republic is being harmed. Our only answer is to win in the system that the politicians won't even use. The fact of the matter is bureaucrats fear Republicanism because it opposes concentrated power. The elite prefers simple governments, such as dictatorship or democracy. With dictatorship, the concept of absolute control is a reality; with democracy, the control lies purely in deceiving the people. A Republic on the other hand, is a state of democratic involvement beneath a set of laws. It has muscle to accompany its words.

We must defend our Republic in a civil manner, by working our system. But how? By the Tenth Amendment. But now you ask, why the Tenth?

The text of the Tenth Amendment reads: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Basically, if the Constitution doesn't say the Feds can do it, or that the States can't do it, than everything else is left to the States and the people, not the Federal Government.

Next, why does the Tenth Amendment completely transcend politics itself? Simply because it is about protecting the basic rights of humanity. Although many of those freedoms we enjoy are rooted in natural law, they require protection in a world where government is necessary in our environment. Furthermore, the Tenth Amendment offers a system of localized governing. A government grows tyrannical when it becomes disconnected from those it is meant to represent, much like Washington D.C. has. But if we stood by the rule of law, much of what D.C. does would not be happening and instead, the State Government and local governments would be doing it.

Hypothetically, much more individuals would be better informed and more involved, if their local politics meant more. Instead, the enslavement of the lower governments has been a successful scheme for bureaucrats and these lower governments have been reduced to nothing more than merely administrative units of the Federal Government. Nevermind the fact that the Federal Government was a creation of the States, that doesn't seem to matter anymore. This is why I am so involved with the Tenth Amendment. Because although I am very involved with and informed in politics, I loathe it. If I truly wanted to get entertainment from a scripted series of entanglements, I'd either watch a soap opera or professional wrestling. Modern politics is merely the catapulting of the same balls of fire between two different camps that don't even realize they're destroying the environment they are meant to protect. This is what they do to the Republic. And this is why politics turns me off. But this is also why I feel I must be involved and why the Tenth Amendment must return to the forefront of discussion, along with the Bill of Rights and the entire United States Constitution. If we obeyed it, then hypothetically, we wouldn't have a problem here, because then government would be properly restrained. But this is where lies the problem.

Furthermore, I believe in local governance. We should only have a Constitution to protect the basic rights we all share under the natural laws of humanity, and to provide for the construction of government and how it shall operate with respect to these natural laws. We shouldn't have specific regulation over petty local issues that in all truth should be issues left to local communities or even the State. I have spoken with individuals who are members of local governments and they have all said the same thing to me, that their job is difficult purely because

the Federal Government has their hands over everything. Why do they? They don't need to be. This is not only by moral reasoning, but by constitutional reasoning as well. Why should we bother concentrating on our local governments and participation in such, if the Federal Government is going to over regulate it? And how are we going to restrain the Federal Government to maintain our lower governments, if all of the members are apart of larger schemes and are bought and sold to special interest. The fact of the matter is the Federal Government is a mess and we only have ourselves and our previous generations to blame, for all of the continued ignorance that has allowed the Federal Government to expand to unconstitutional extremes. Indeed, it is like a body ingesting excessive steroids. It is getting bigger, it is getting stronger, it is getting more intimidating, but it is internally breaking down and is due to completely collapse. What are we going to do then if the system fails? It would be one thing to fail, but its another when most of us depend on the system.

All of our problems can be solved by keeping things in perspective. And this is why the Tenth Amendment matters. It matters because it involves keeping the Federal Government on a tight leash, and by doing so, empowers the lower governments at State, county, and local levels. It is a deterrent for national corruption and widespread tyranny. It provides for a larger opportunity to facilitate an informed and awake populace. This is what we need most. Yes, we have a long way to go, but this is where we need to begin.

Take the message to the streets. Take it to gatherings. Take it to the internet sites and message boards. Explain to people this isn't politics, it is your way of life. It is about the American Republic and everything we enjoy that we call freedoms. Nothing is safe if the very thing constructed to protect these liberties is denied. We need these resolutions in legislatures and passing. We need governors that will sign these resolutions after they clear the legislatures. If this is ignored, than we need to start considering bills, actual legislation similar to "HN880: State Authority and Anti-Racketeering Act" introduced by Representative Bobby Franklin to the George State Legislature.

This is our movement. It's time to get moving

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