

Exactly Who is Delegating Powers to the United States Government? (021614)

The short answer is the States and the People. Let me explain.

The Tenth Amendment, the one for which States make a hue and cry 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.” It is as simple as it sounds. But the guardians of this amendment are the States and the People. If they are not willing to protect it, to insist to its adherence, then why would any of us be naive to think the United States Government would assume such a responsibility?

The fact is that the States do not protect it. Instead, while they make a noise for adhering to it they do all they possibly can to unravel it, to give the Federal Government voice and thus power in all parts of our lives. The States do little to reserve power. Really, you ask? How is that so, you ask? As I said at the beginning, let me explain.

There is nothing in Article I that gives the Federal Government voice/power for to Education, Transportation, Healthcare, retirement, energy, environment, housing, labor, food, and agriculture, to name a few. But the Federal Government has that power because the States clamor, fight, and argue for their share of Federal Dollars in these and other areas, click [HERE](#). The top 10 recipients of Federal dollars, beginning with Alaska which receive the most per capita net taxes are listed in the following table, click [HERE](#).

State	Amt per capita, \$	Amt per capita net of income tax, \$	Population	% of U. S. Population	% of U. S. funds per person	Total Federal Dollars Received, net taxes, \$
Alaska	17,762	15,197	710,231	0.23	0.39	10,793,380,507
Virginia	17,008	14,201	8,001,024	2.59	4.21	113,622,541,824
Maryland	16,673	13,723	5,773,552	1.87	2.98	79,230,454,096
Hawaii	15,331	13,709	1,360,301	0.44	0.65	18,648,366,409
New Mexico	13,578	12,399	2,059,179	0.67	0.87	25,531,760,421
Kentucky	13,198	12,129	4,339,367	1.41	1.77	52,632,182,343
Alabama	11,820	10,656	4,779,736	1.55	1.75	50,932,866,816
West VA	11,609	10,568	1,852,994	0.6	0.67	19,582,440,592
Connecticut	15,662	10,506	3,574,097	1.16	1.73	37,549,463,082
North Dakota	12,930	10,438	672,591	0.22	0.27	7,020,504,858

In taking that money the States have in essence amended the Constitution to give the Federal Government power in areas not included in Article I, Section 8. In taking that money the States have eaten the carrot which then becomes the harness that they wear in servitude to the Federal Government. In taking that money the States have nullified the Tenth Amendment.

But it is not just the States. It is also The People. Today, the dependence on the Federal Government has become overwhelm according to a report by the Heritage Foundation, click [HERE](#). The total number of Americans on Food Stamps is 44.7 million, or 15 % of the total population, click [HERE](#). The cost is approximately \$66.8 billion, or \$1500 per person, according to Heritage. Over 44 % of the population does not pay taxes. There are far more data available than can be recited here, click [HERE](#). The message in all of these data is that a growing number of us, We The People, are thinking and acting no differently than are State Governments. We expect the Federal Government to give us money, to take care of us in all ways. And that means that We The People in taking and expecting from the Federal Government have also nullified the Tenth amendment.

To think that so many of us are so adverse to the word NULLIFICATION is a joke upon ourselves. We, the People and the States, are guilty of grasping the carrots the Federal Government puts before us. We wear the harness or, if you prefer, the chains that we have put on our own backs. Until We, the People and the States, understand this we are foolish to believe we can claim any voice based on the Tenth Amendment. In effect, We, the States and The People, crippled the Tenth Amendment a long time ago. The questions to be answered: Do We have the enlightenment to understand what we have done? Do We have the strength and commitment to our own responsibilities to actually follow what is said by the Tenth Amendment..