

10th AMENDMENT TASK FORCE

Federalism: The Founders' Formula for Freedom



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“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.”

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- 1) Two of the 10th Amendment Task Force’s co-founding Members, [Reps. Randy Neugebauer and Mike Conaway](#), do an excellent job in the Abilene Reporter News drawing attention to the goals of the newly formed Congressional Task Force.
- 2) Tony Blankley says the time is right for a bold return to [“traditional American freedoms and constitutional limitations on government.”](#)
- 3) America has a long history of [distrusting government](#).
- 4) In this recent [interview in Newsweek](#) Texas Governor Rick Perry describes his efforts *“to make Washington as inconsequential in your life as we can”* and in the process shows why is emerging as a preeminent champion for federalism.
- 5) Skipper Kagamaster writes an [informed essay on the 10th Amendment](#).
- 6) John W. Truslow, III directs the [“Campaign to Restore Federalism.”](#) This campaign focuses its efforts on repealing the 17th Amendment.
- 7) Lew Rockwell [interviews Michael Boldin](#), founder of the Tenth Amendment Center.
- 8) A [new book](#) by Alison LaCroix, an Assistant Professor at the University of Chicago Law School, makes the case that federalism was *“the frame through which Americans came to view their political and legal world, as well as the foundation of the nation itself.”*
- 9) [Federalism is not a conservative principle](#). Richard Thomas Ford explained why in this 2005 Slate article.
- 10) Flashback: Roger Pilon, the Cato Institute’s constitutional scholar, penned a probing article entitled [“On the First Principles of Federalism”](#) based on his 1995 testimony before the House Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations.

“The 10” is a weekly summary of 10 new or noteworthy developments in the world of federalism and the 10th Amendment. If you have an item you would like to include in the next “The 10” email, please contact [Cody Stewart](#) at 202-225-8411.