

# 10<sup>th</sup> AMENDMENT TASK FORCE

*Federalism: The Founders' Formula for Freedom*



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10<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution: *"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."*

## The "10"

- 1) **A Citizen's Guide to the Tenth.** The Institute for Policy Innovation (IPI) has produced an excellent [2-page summary](#) of the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment.
- 2) **10<sup>th</sup> Amendment Task Force in the news.** Media coverage of the Congressional 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment Task Force continued this past week [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).
- 3) **State-based 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment Activity.** [The Missouri Sovereignty Project](#) is the preeminent state-based 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment advocacy group. This organization serves as a model for other states interested in promoting the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment.
- 4) **A Senator and Governor unite.** Utah's senior Senator, Orrin Hatch, recently teamed up with Utah's Governor, Gary Herbert, to [urge a recommitment to the principle of federalism](#).
- 5) **The Progressive Case for Federalism.** Agree or disagree with him on the merits of the policy, E.D. Kain uses Arizona's new ban on ethnic studies to argue that [bad policy is more easily contained in a decentralized power structure](#).
- 6) **Website of the week.** The website "Reagan 2020" contains a section entitled the "[New Federalist Platform](#)." This site includes some ideas, suggestions, and talking points related to federalism that are worth pondering.
- 7) **Federalist Quote:** *"...the plan of the convention aims only at a partial union or consolidation, the State governments would clearly retain all the rights of sovereignty which they before had, and which were not, by that act, EXCLUSIVELY delegated to the United States."* Alexander Hamilton, Federalist No. 32
- 8) **A Tale of Three Governors** Ron Miller contrasts recent actions of three Governors to demonstrate how federalism provides us with ["50 laboratories of innovation" for policy](#).
- 9) **Pennsylvania Revolution.** Scott Davis, founder of [Pennsylvania Revolution](#), contends in [a clearly-written, well-argued op-ed](#) that the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment is the key to liberty.
- 10) **Flashback:** Roughly one year ago, Georgetown Law Professor Randy Barnett, took to the Wall Street Journal to argue for a new "[Federalism Amendment](#)."

*"The 10" is a weekly summary of 10 noteworthy developments in the world of federalism and the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment.*

