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Tenth Amendment Key to Freedom

It is easy, with all of the debates and radical policy changes occurring in Washington, D.C., to develop an almost exclusive focus on the federal government. However, that would be a mistake. Certainly, we need to battle bad laws, corrupt politicians, and defend liberty, freedom and the Constitution. Unfortunately, as individuals, it is difficult to influence the politicians in Washington, D.C. The Tea Party movement has gained a great deal of support, many are waking up, and politicians are taking notice. However, in my opinion, in order to bring about lasting change, we must take the battle to the state level. In our system of Federalism, power is divided between the federal government, state governments and the people. Over time, the states and the people have allowed the federal government to usurp much of our legitimate power and to subvert the Constitution. That is the situation now, but it doesn't have to be reality tomorrow.

We can reassert our Tenth Amendment Rights.

We can demand that our State Representatives, State Senators, Governors, Congressional Representatives, Senators and other elected officials pledge to respect the power of the states and the people. One excellent way to do this is through the [Tenth Amendment Center's Pledge](#). Demand, don't ask, that current office holders, or candidates, at the [state](#) or [federal](#) level take the 10th Amendment Pledge. Download the pledges and get them signed. If you plan to run for office, download the pledge, sign it and send it back in.

Get involved in local groups that support the Tenth Amendment. For example, in Missouri, there is the [Missouri Sovereignty Project](#).

For too long, under both major political parties, we have seen the rights of the states and the people trampled on. It's time to say, "Don't Tread on Me!" Government won't give you back the power it has taken voluntarily. You have to demand it. You'll need allies to get your rights back, and some of the best allies are your neighbors, and state officials - if you let them know you expect them to protect your 10th Amendment rights.

Posted by Terry Kinder in Blog at 02:20

I have to disagree. It is the first amendment that is the key to freedom. One MUST be free to exercise one's right to self-determination. Without the "me" there is no "we". Without a free individual, there is no freedom for a group of individuals. Freedom of a community, county, state, nation is wholly dependent on the level of liberty afforded to each and every individual. The first amendment provides for freedom of speech, of religion, to bear arms and of assembly. These are essential to the individual who is the core of any group of individuals one might name. The tenth amendment is relevant only AFTER individuals themselves are guaranteed their liberty. Of course, if individuals have those guarantees, the tenth seems rather redundant.

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