

Important Points in the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and from our Founding Fathers

“The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, as war, peace, negotiation, and foreign commerce . . .

The powers reserved to the several States will extend to all the objects which, in the ordinary course of affairs, concern the lives, liberties, and properties of the people, and the internal order, improvement, and prosperity of the state.” – James Madison, The Federalist No. 45

NOTE: What is the Federalist?

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Our Constitution - Sec. 1, Article 8

The Federal government had few and defined power. It was established to have limited or “enumerated powers.”

States (sovereign nations), however, had authority that was to be numerous and indefinite.

Our Constitution - Article 4, Section 4

"The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a **Republican Form of Government**, and shall protect each of them **against Invasion**; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened), **against domestic Violence.**"

Is this happening? No!

Our Constitution – Article 3, Section 3

“Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in **adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort.** (Think Afghanistan, China, Iran where intentional, but horrible decisions gave them aid.)

No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the Testimony of two Witnesses to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open Court.

The Congress shall have Power to declare the Punishment of Treason, but no Attainder of Treason shall work Corruption of Blood, or Forfeiture except during the Life of the Person attainted.”

Founding Fathers

“In case of a deliberate, palpable, and dangerous exercise of other powers, not granted by the said compact, the states who are parties thereto, have the right, and are in duty bound, to interpose for arresting the progress of evil.” - James Madison, Virginia Resolution (1798)

“If the federal government should overpass the just bounds of its authority and make a tyrannical use of its powers, the people, whose creature it is, must appeal to the standard they have formed, and take such measures to redress the injury done to the Constitution as the exigency (urgent situation) may suggest and prudence justify.” – Alexander Hamilton, Federalist Paper No. 33