FEDERALISM AND SEPARATION OF POWERS

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

STATES

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
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.
One of the happy incidents of the federal system that a single courageous state may, if its citizens choose, serve as a laboratory; and try novel social and economic experiments without risk to the rest of the country.

*Louis Brandeis, Supreme Court Justice*
SEPARATION OF POWERS

LEGISLATIVE

EXECUTIVE

JUDICIAL
Federal

- DEFENSE
- FOREIGN AFFAIRS
- IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
- MONEY
- POSTAL SERVICE
EDUCATION

- Primary & Secondary School Districts
- State Funding
- Higher Education
  - Land Grant Colleges
  - State Universities
COMMERCE

- Insurance
- Banking
- Public Utilities
- Professional & Occupation Licensing
- Business Associations
- Commercial Transactions
- Property
- Bankruptcy
CRIMINAL LAW

- Police
- Prisons
- Courts
TRANSPORTATION

- Highways and Roads
- Airports
- Trucks
- Trains
- Motor Vehicles
- Drivers
- Buses
NATURAL RESOURCES

- Public Lands
- Environmental Regulation
FAMILY LAW

- Marriage
- Divorce
- Child Custody
WELFARE

- Housing
- Income Support
- Social Security
- TANF
- Child Protection
- Mental Health
- Public Health
MEDICAL

Medical Care
Medicare
Medicaid
Questions?