

Edwards 17 Chapter 3 Assignment

1. What does federalism symbolize regarding the division of power between the states and federal government?
2. How does federalism make a great exercise for a venn diagram?
3. If the US government were a unitary system why would California be really upset with a Trump presidency (I mean more than they already are)? (think powers)
4. Why would nations choose not to have a federal system of government?
5. Why are states necessary in the United States?
6. Which governments are in charge of conducting elections?
7. Why is Article V of the constitution important for Wyoming with its 579,000 people (Fresno/Covis has 628,000!)
8. Federal-state relations can be said to be a battle of tug-of-war. Why?
9. How does Article VI of the constitution treat disputes between states and the national government as it relates to conflicting laws?
10. What was decided in *Brown v. Topeka Board of Education*?
11. How does the 10th Amendment protect state sovereignty?
12. What shield is provided to states by the 11th Amendment?
13. How does *McCulloch v. Maryland* seem to settle the state-federal challenge over conflicting laws?
14. What are enumerated powers? Where are the enumerated powers of Congress found?
15. How is the “necessary and proper clause” practically a blank check for congressional power?
16. Why is nicknaming the “necessary and proper clause” the elastic clause appropriate for what it represents? (Think what elastic does for underwear)
17. How has the federal government’s use of the commerce clause been used to expand its power well beyond what the founders envisioned?
18. Why did the supreme court rule the Gun Free Zone Act unconstitutional? Did they hate kids?
19. How did the federal government overreach in passing the Violence Against Women Act?
20. Why would states challenge the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act if they want to see gun violence reduced? (What were they required to do? Who paid for it?)
21. Why can’t married Mrkaich travel to Vegas for some “intimate” activity as a legally single person?
22. Why is it important for states to honor each others’ licenses and contracts?
23. If Mrkaich raises chickens to produce eggs (and keeps them in cages where they can’t stand or move—in violation of state law), and flees to a state that hates California, like say, Alabama, why would Alabama be likely to return the deadbeat egg producer to California authorities?
24. Why are uniform (the same) privileges and immunities important?
25. Compare and contrast dual and cooperative federalism.
26. What were states required to do under the No Child Left Behind Act?
27. The feds give money with strings attached. Explain.
28. How does federalism represent a lot of federal money but state implementation?
29. How can the federal government coerce states to do things the feds want? (Think money)
30. What is devolution?
31. Why could devolution be good for the people in Wisconsin, Oregon, and other states?
32. Why have Republicans changed their mind about turning power back to states? (Think of states like California and Washington)
33. How does fiscal federalism represent an addiction problem for states that may have them do things they don’t want to?
34. What are categorical grants?
35. Why are Environmental Impact Statements important for our quality of life?
36. What does the Civil Rights Act of 1964 do?
37. Why do states like block grants better than categorical grants?
38. Why have many government interest groups set up to lobby the federal government in Washington, D.C.?
39. Fresno Unified is a Title I district. What does that mean?
40. What are mandates?
41. Why do states not like mandates?
42. How is Medicaid a great example of cooperative federalism?
43. What is required under the Americans With Disabilities Act?
44. Why do states like Ohio and West Virginia hate the Clean Air Act?
45. Why are unfunded mandates the worst for states when compared to other mandates like Medicaid?
46. In what ways have states been responsible for the creation of many national laws?
37. How does federalism represent decentralization of power?
38. Why is decentralization of power preferable?
39. How can decentralization of power be negative? (Think southern states/civil rights)
40. How does federalism, and its decentralization of power, lower the cost of political participation?
41. How many governments have Americans created in the United States?