

RELATIONSHIP OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE STATES

What does the Bible say?

- ⦿ : Joshua 4: 1-9: division of responsibility and representation:
- ⦿ “Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, ³ and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

Republican Government

- The Constitution guarantees a “republican form of government”—the state government must represent the people

Invasion and Internal Disorder

- ⦿ National Gov. must protect each state against invasion and internal disorder
- ⦿ State usually asks the National Gov. for help

Federal Grants-in-Aid

- ◎ Grant-in-Aid: grants of federal money to States, counties, and cities
- ◎ Constitutional Authority:
 - Article I, Section 8:
 - “to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States...”

Money with Strings Attached

- ◎ Grants-in-Aid allows the Federal Government to make policy in areas that it has **NO CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY**:
 - Education
 - Housing policy
 - Local law enforcement
- ◎ These did not start until the 1930s with Federal efforts to combat the Great Depression

Example

- ⦿ No Child Left Behind—2001
 - \$14 Billion granted to States in 2011
 - Controversial education law sets standards for state schools
 - If you want the money, you have to do what the Federal Gov. says

Other Grants

- ◎ Categorical Grants—made for a specific defined purpose—usually have strings attached:
 - Federal monies can only be used for a specific purpose
 - State or city must make its own contribution of money
 - Local government must provide an agency to administer the grant
 - Local government must obey Federal guidelines about the purpose for the money
- ◎ Important thing to remember—Federal money is usually given to states with conditions—things that the states must do in order to get it

Example of Federal control through money: Highway Funds and Minimum Drinking Age

- <http://abcnews.go.com/US/story?id=667917&page=1>
- How do you think the Framers of the Constitution would have reacted to this type of action by the Federal Government?

Other Options

- ◎ Block Grants
 - broader purposes—“health care” or “social services”, etc.
 - Fewer strings attached—favorite of the Reagan administration in the 1980s
- ◎ Project Grants
 - Grants that are applied for by states for money for specific projects
 - These Federal grant programs have fewer strings attached—state and local governments have more freedom
 - Examples: Cancer or science research projects
- ◎ These are examples of the National and State governments cooperating in areas of shared interests

Question to Define Terms

- Situation: Ohio will receive federal funding for a program to provide day care for the children of some working parents
 - Would this funding likely be through a:
 - Categorical grant
 - Block grant
 - Project grant
 - Why?