

Renewing American Liberty via Real States' Rights

Across America can be heard the voice of protest—a protest against an out of control, unconstitutional, tax and spend, Federal government. America today is ruled by power elites in Washington, D. C. who use the political system to maintain the status quo and assure their incumbency. From their positions of power, perks, and privilege America's political elites use the political system to advance a secular humanist socialist and utopian ideology. The philosophy of this political elite class is, by its very nature, in violation of the inherent rights of law abiding, taxpaying, moral Americans. Yet in all of the protest, there cannot be found anyone who provides a clear solution to the current unconstitutional and oppressive Federal government.

After the adoption of the proposed Constitution by the delegates to the Constitutional Convention many debates were held in each state of these United States to determine if that state would adopt the proposed Constitution. During this time a large and in many cases a majority of Americans rejected the proposed Constitution. These Americans, led by men such as Patrick Henry of Virginia, were collectively known as Anti Federalists. The Anti Federalists opposed the proposed Constitution because they feared that too much power had been delegated to the newly formed Federal government. This argument was not surmounted until a Bill of Rights was made a condition for ratification of the Constitution. One of the major results of this Bill of Rights was a full ban on Federal actions in any area that had not been delegated to the Federal government by the States; we see this in the first words of the Bill of Rights, "Congress shall make no laws," and in the words of the ninth and tenth amendments. These two amendments are the foundation of what later would become known as "State's Rights." The spirit of these noble men of the original Anti Federalist movement is expressed in the books by the Kennedy Twins.

The United States Constitution was once the document that defined the Federal government's limited scope of power and protected the rights reserved by "we the people" of the Sovereign States—this is no longer true! Today "we the people" live in the era of Federal Supremacy—where once the Federal government was only supreme in those areas where it had been delegated power, today the Federal government is supreme in all areas of public and private endeavors. Today the Federal government makes the rules, it enforces the rules, and when a conflict develops regarding whether or not the Federal government has the authority for its unconstitutional (and too often, oppressive) actions—the question is submitted to a panel of Federal judges, appointed by the ruling elite. This Federal panel will determine whether or not the reserved rights of "we the people" should be honored and protected or if the Federal government is now permitted to trample upon those rights. Under the current political system, the Federal government has all the power to determine the rules of government and "we the people," like serfs in the Dark Ages, are compelled to submit. This is not the form of governance that the Founding Fathers envisioned when they drafted the Constitution and when the Sovereign States individually ratified the Constitution!

Anti-Federalists have the Solution

The goal of the Anti-Federalist movement is to restore to “we the people” of the Sovereign States the unalienable right to be masters in our own home. The last century of American history has taught us that engaging in traditional political action in the hope of controlling an abusive Federal government is a hopeless illusion. The last century has in fact been a century of conservative failure because the political system is designed, first and foremost, to preserve the status quo—a status quo that is very lucrative for the ruling elite. It is no accident that in the 2009 Federal Congress there were 237 millionaires. Playing the game by the rules established and enforced by the ruling elite is not only a hopeless illusion it is a destructive illusion that guarantees victory for the ruling elite. Playing the game as established by the ruling elite also consumes time, energy, and limited financial resources of “conservatives” which results in demoralization of those who oppose the political ruling elite. Two important points should be obvious:

1. America’s current political system is designed to maintain the ruling elite as the numerical majority in Washington, D.C., and;
2. The Constitution as currently understood is not sufficient to preserve the rights reserved by “we the people” of the Sovereign States when said rights are encroached upon by an aggressive Federal government.

Contrast the following examples of the radically different manner in which Federal Supremacists (ruling elite) and Anti-Federalists view the solution to constitutional controversies:

Constitutional Issue	Federal Supremacists	Anti-Federalists
Second Amendment (Gun Control)	Federal government final authority; decision ultimately made by judges appointed by ruling elite; citizens keep guns at the pleasure of the Federal government	Constitution prohibits the Federal government from infringing upon citizens’ right to keep and bear arms. Sovereign State has duty to interpose its authority for the suppression of unconstitutional acts of its agent the Federal government.
First Amendment freedom of speech (Federal hate speech)	Federal government final authority; decision ultimately made by judges appointed by the ruling elite; citizens’ freedom of speech may be limited if	Constitution prohibits the Federal government from infringing upon citizens right to free speech. Sovereign State has the duty to interpose its authority for

	federal government declares such speech a violation of the civil rights of Federally protected minorities	the suppression of unconstitutional acts of its agent the Federal government
The rights reserved by the States to determine when life begins for the purpose of deciding what protections are due to the unborn. (This right is just one of the unenumerated rights reserved by the States in the Ninth Amendment).	Federal government final authority; decision ultimately made by judges appointed by ruling elite; unenumerated rights are not rights but mere privileges <i>allowed only at the pleasure of the Federal government</i>	When an aggressive Federal government refuses to recognize and honor the rights reserved under the constitution—the Sovereign State has the duty to interpose its authority for the suppression of unconstitutional acts of its agent the Federal government

Constitutional Amendment Acknowledging State Nullification

The duty of the state to interpose its Sovereign authority between its citizens and the unconstitutional acts of the Federal government was recognized early in American history. For example, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison wrote the Kentucky and Virginia Resolves in reaction to the Federal Alien and Sedition Acts; South Carolina’s nullification of the Federal Tariff of Abomination; Ohio’s taxing of the unconstitutional Federal bank; and, Northern States’ passage of personal liberty laws (which nullified a section of the U.S. Constitution) are all examples of Sovereign States performing their duty to protect the rights, liberties, and property of its citizens. Unfortunately, with the passage of time, the right of State interposition and/or nullification is no longer a weapon in the hands of those seeking relief from the abuses of the Federal government. The only way to reclaim that right today is to pass an amendment to the U.S. Constitution acknowledging the Right of State nullification. Anti-Federalists are committed to educating the public regarding the need for such an amendment and to work for the submission and passage of such an amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

What Anti-Federalists Believe

- Individual responsibility and personal accountability: Free men in a free society “paddle their own canoe” and do not demand government or society in general to “take care of me”;
- Private property rights: An individual’s private property must be secure from theft by petty criminals or governmental brigands. Without said protection for an individual’s property it is impossible to create a productive society where living standards continually improve;

- Self-ownership: The right to be left alone and secure in one's person is the highest form of property rights;
- How violation of property rights occurs: Violations of property rights occurs by two means, (1) Criminal violence (theft, vandalism, etc) and (2) political violence (taxing and other means of fleecing one of his property by government);
- What is the scope of legitimate government: Legitimate government is limited to protecting property rights, punishing criminal activity, and protecting citizens from foreign invasion;
- Minimal government: In order to create and maintain a "minimal" government, taxation should not exceed 10% Gross Domestic Product (GDP) computed without counting government expenditures;
- Inflation: Inflation is caused by government printing paper money with nothing of secure value to back the fiat currency. This fiat currency is in fact an indirect tax that benefits government elites. Unfortunately, those with no power to control the powerful governmental elites are the ones who bear the cost of inflation;
- The Federal government: The Federal government is the agent of "We the people" of the Sovereign States. As explained in Article VII of the Constitution, the Federal government derives its authority from the people of the sovereign States. This authority or power by which the Federal government acts is in the form of delegated authority, as opposed to surrendered authority;
- The State: The State is the corporate representative of "We the people" within the respective State. Original sovereignty resides with "We the people" of the Sovereign State;
- State Sovereignty: "We the people" who compose the sovereign community that is, the State, is the source of all temporal authority of the State. The State government exists because "We the people" created it as our servant. Our servant, the State, acting on our behalf, created the Federal government;
- Social and economic progress: Free people freely interacting in various markets create wealth and rising standards of living. Socialism, fascism, communism, and all other forms of big government destroy the free market engine, which alone creates wealth;
- In free market exchanges all parties benefit: When free men engage in market activity, both parties benefit from all exchanges that take place. Force or compulsion is not a part of free market exchanges because exchanges do not occur unless both parties benefit from the exchange, thereby promoting mutual respect and civility;
- Government intervention into free market activity distorts the exchange to the advantage of the ruling elite: Whenever governmental force is injected into the free and voluntary exchange between individuals in the free market, the exchange is distorted thereby creating an advantage for the ruling elite or those with close connections with the ruling elite and a disadvantage for those with little or no political connections; as such, government is divisive and causes conflict within society between those who bear the burden of government and those who benefit from government;
- Social responsibility is an individual moral obligation: The determination of social responsibility is best accomplished by the individual working through family, extended

family, and his local community. Big government perverts moral obligations and turns it into a scheme by which the private property and income of productive elements of society is redistributed to the ruling elite and those close to the ruling elite;

- Legitimate government: As announced by our Founding Fathers in 1776, the only legitimate government is that government that is established and maintained by the free and unfettered consent of the governed. From the beginning of these United States, that free and unfettered consent was given by the action of “We the People” of the Sovereign State.

For more detailed information see:

[*Dixie Rising: Rules for Rebels*](#)

