

Democracy in America Questions Name: _____

1. Federal Wolves at the Door- Questions

- On what grounds did the national government mandate that the state of Idaho had to allow the reintroduction of wolves?
- By requiring that Idaho manage the wolves once they have been reintroduced, the national government was enforcing an unfounded mandate. Can you think of other unfounded mandates that are imposed on your state?
- Why shouldn't the states be allowed to decide what is to be done about endangered species?

Using Federal Dollars To "Buy" Interstate Highway Safety - Questions

- It is clear that the national government cannot directly legislate on the issue of drunk driving. How has the national government managed to implement a national blood alcohol standard?
- What is the difference between the carrot and the stick approach to national mandates?
- Are there other areas where the national government uses its financial resources to force states to enact specific laws?

3. When Welfare Depends on Where You Live - Questions

- What is devolution and why has it gained favor in recent years?
- Those who advocate stronger states often argue that the states can serve as laboratories for policy experimentation. Is the story of welfare reform a good example of that argument?
- To what extent is it appropriate that the benefits one receives depends on state residence?
- Can you think of other examples where services or benefits depend on where you live?
- What services, if any, should be uniform across the country?