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 **EXACTLY! STATES
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OF DEMOCRACY!**

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According to Hillary Clinton, “A reality of a Supreme Court with a right-wing majority is that the states are a new important front in protecting civil rights – especially the rights of the most vulnerable among us.”

She’s gaining insight! Our Founders understood the problems inherent in governing everything from a central government. Hence, states retain great powers of governance. As stated in our Bill of Rights, Amendment 10, *“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.”*

Governance is supposed to take place at the state level, particularly when it involves ideas and concepts that are more effectively dealt with locally than nationally. If one national government rules all things, as has been the trend, there’s little flexibility and we get stuck where we don’t want to be. Under the Founders’ idea of Federalism, each state is free to choose a unique path of governance and issue resolution. Mistakes are made but at least states can learn from one another, and there is flexibility – that’s part of our freedom.

What a great concept: the states as our “laboratories of democracy.”