

CRASH COURSE: GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Episode #4 - Federalism

Name: _____

1. What is federalism?
2. List two basic things that the federal government, not the states, is responsible for.
3. Some responsibilities belong to both the federal and the state governments. One obvious example is _____.
4. The first kind of federalism practiced in the U.S., Dual Federalism, lasted from the founding of the nation until the _____ of the 1930s.
5. Since the 1930s, the country has mainly used a system of _____ Federalism instead.
6. Under Dual Federalism, which level of government had the most authority, including the use of police powers – the right to make laws about health, safety, and morality?
7. What dessert metaphor is used to illustrate Dual Federalism?
8. Under Franklin Roosevelt, federalism changed. The national government began encouraging states and cities to _____. (Hide from Eleanor is NOT an appropriate answer!)
9. What is the main form of encouragement used to convince the states to cooperate?
10. Explain how this encouragement can take the form of a carrot or a stick.
11. Explain how the AFDC Program (Aid to Families with Dependent Children, more commonly known as welfare) is best understood as a formula grant, not a project grant.
12. What does a state have to do to get a project grant?
13. Rank the three kinds of grants in order from MOST common to LEAST common.
14. Under which kind of grant are states most able to decide for themselves how to spend the money provided by the grant?
15. Environmental rules, civil rights rules, and the rules set up under the Americans with Disabilities Act are all a part of _____ Federalism.
16. What is the problem with an “unfunded mandate?”
17. What is the “bedrock principle” of many conservatives and libertarians?
18. New Federalism, popularized by Presidents Nixon and Reagan, is intended to return power _____.
19. Which amendment states that powers belong to the states and people as long as they have not been delegated to the federal government or forbidden to the states?

Short Answer Questions –

- A) Consider all the forms of federalism: Dual, Cooperative, New, and Regulated. In your opinion and based on the Katrina documentary, which one is the best way to organize the relationship between the national and state and local governments? Support your position with specific examples from history and/or with hypothetical scenarios.
- B) Specify a problem or issue in American society – one that you believe it is appropriate for the government (state and/or federal) to try to improve or resolve. Come up with 3 approaches for working on the problem. Each approach should implement a different form of federalism. Identify which approach each solution uses.