

States Rights Position

A belief that the legitimate use of power should come from the states. That government closest to the people (state & local) is the best. People who believe in states rights generally have concerns about federal power.

Nationalist Position

People who are considered to hold a nationalist position believe that the federal government is in the best position to help people. This belief argues that people & states are best served with a strong central or federal government.

States Rights Position #2

Obamacare (ACA) Bad

Nationalist Position #2

Obamacare (ACA) Good

States Rights Position #3

A doctrine and strategy in which the rights of the individual states are protected by the U.S. Constitution from interference by the federal government. (10th Amendment)
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Nationalist Position #3

People who believe in the nationalist position argue that Article VI of the Constitution (Supremacy Clause) clearly states that the national government trumps state power when there is a conflict.

States Rights Position #4

The history of the United States has been marked by conflict over the proper allocation of power between the states and the federal government. The federal system of government established by the U.S. Constitution recognized the sovereignty of both the state governments and the federal government by giving them mutually exclusive powers as well as concurrent powers. In the first half of the nineteenth century, arguments over states' rights arose in the context of Slavery. From the 1870s to the 1930s, economic issues shaped the debate. In the 1950s racial Segregation and the Civil Rights Movement renewed the issue of state power. By the 1970s economic and political conservatives had begun to call for a reduction in the power and control of the federal government and for the redistribution of responsibilities to the states. Source: <http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/States'+Rights>

Nationalist Position #4

A trust and belief that the President & Congress should have the power to solve our problems.