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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.

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- The Tenth Amendment was included in the Bill of Rights to further define the balance of power between the national government and the states.
- The amendment says that the national government has only those powers specifically granted by the U.S. Constitution.
- According to the amendment, any power not listed is left to the states or the people.

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- Some of the powers of the national government are the power to declare war, collect taxes, and regulate interstate business activities.
- Although the amendment does not specify what the state powers are, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that laws affecting marriage, divorce, adoption, commerce that occurs within a state's borders, and local law enforcement are among the powers specifically reserved to the states or the people.