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Whose Power Should It Be?: The States v. the National Government

As we have discussed, the Founding Fathers created a government that divided power between the national/federal government and the individual state governments. However, since it is not always clear who should have power in what area, Americans constantly debate the proper role of government.

In preparation for a class discussion, answer the following questions. To the best of your ability, incorporate specific examples that support your conclusions.

1. Is the legal status of drugs and/or the drinking age better left in the hands of state governments, rather than the federal authority? Why?

2. Should policy on the death penalty be consistent in every state? Why?

3. Should the administering of elections be left up to the individual states as they see fit or should the national government run elections uniformly throughout the country? Why?

