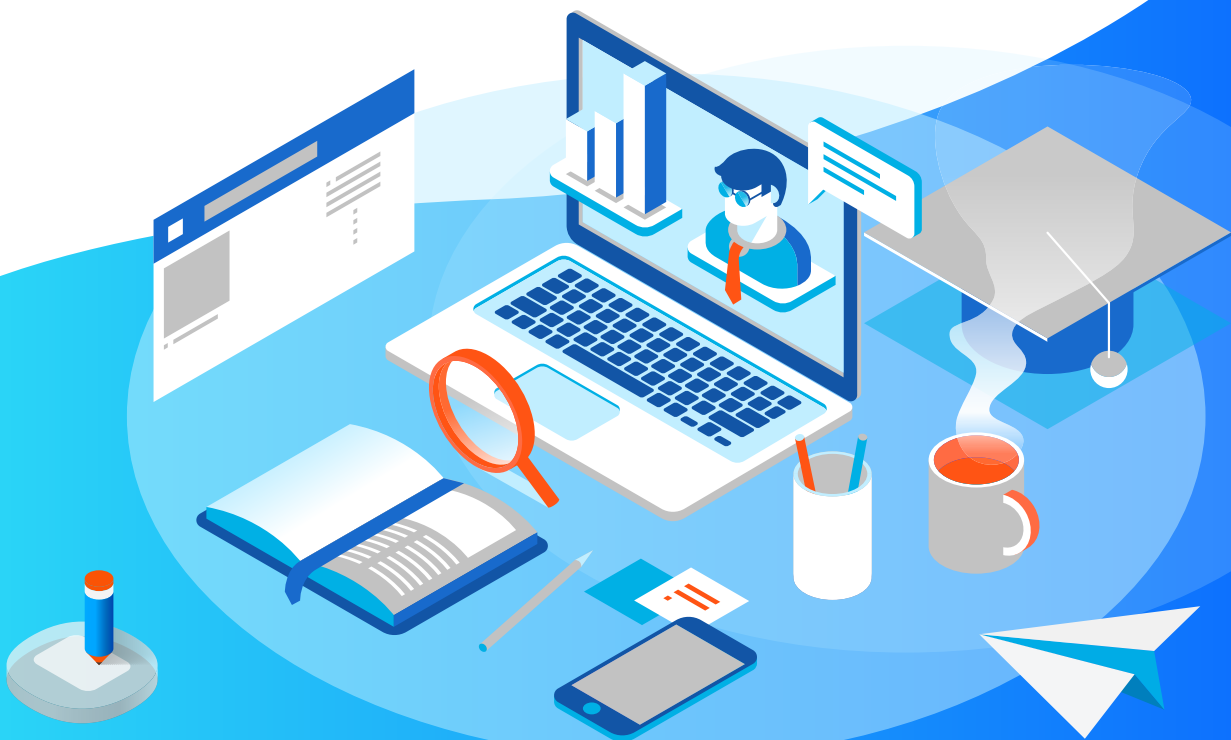


# Constitutional Limits of Power

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# Introduction

American constitution is majorly aimed at enhancing the freedom of its citizens. It does this through various means which includes exercises such as separation of powers. It tends to balance the government powers with the individual citizen freedoms. The American constitution previously did not dwell much on the human freedom which lead to the elite community seeing themselves as the rulers. The majority of the citizens' interests were not catered for. Democracy was not that much exercised all over the United States of America. This was until the modification of the constitution that the limits of power were done in order to enhance the freedom of its citizens. The following are a discussion of the doctrines that limit of power by the constitution revolves around in details.

Popular beliefs and localistic congress is one of the doctrines. The American citizens wanted to be taking control of the schools, land use as well as the police. The congress agreed to work things the citizen's way. On the contrary, the federal government runs and regulates the local business activities. In this way there is local self-governance. The school curricula are made by the local government as opposed to the earlier constitution where the school curriculum was a federal government's responsibility. The local governments decided where to build the schools, which teachers to hire as well as the supplies to the schools. Police sector on the other hand ensures the minority groups and the youth are given chances by modifying or revising their training and hiring policies.

Fiscal federalism refers to the provision of grants-in-aid by the federal government to the local governments. This is usually aimed at financing education and educational activities. Universities in the local governments got their grants from the sales of land grants. This

project is said to have started even before the adoption of the constitution. In this were the local government exercises all the authority on how to spend the finances on the schools around. They decide on how to run their schools without the interference from the federal governments.

Restriction on powers of the states is also another doctrine that was considered. The congress ordered the state not to operate certain areas without their consent at all. The federal government had no rights to sign treaties with foreign nations, coin money or issue paper currency without contacting the congress. This ensured that everyone was involved in this exercises. The government also had the responsibility of letting the congress aware of the nobility title granting and passing of the various bills. This was aimed at ensuring all the bills were not affecting negatively the congress governments. Issues of taxes could not be levied on any exports and imports without the consent of the congress at all. This is a way in which the locals would contribute towards the taxing of their own goods.

There are guarantees by the federal government to the states. The federal government has a responsibility of ensuring the security of its citizens. In this way it guarantees each and every state a republican form of government. It also protects the states against invasion by the foreigners. The government also protects the states against domestic insurrection upon request by the various states. The federal government has all the authority to be informed in case there is any splitting of the states.

Rules governing how states deal with each other. The states should have all the faiths and credits towards the decisions made by the courts of other states, their laws as well as their records. This helps in bringing about a coherency in the operations of the states. This

means that citizens who are criminals cannot be allowed to live in other states before clearing with the justice. This means that all the states are regarded as equal without any biases at all...

Separation of powers and federalism - There is separation of powers between the political powers is separated between the national government and the states government. Unlike the various European countries where the power is centralized to the central government, the American one is being shared among the two bodies mentioned. This means that there is sharing of various aspects between the national government and the state governments. The states government in various parts of the United States of America forwards the interests of the various citizens to the central government.. The finances also reach the local citizens without much struggle as their leaders are in the government. The states governments have the responsibilities of ensuring their citizens interests are catered for by the government. Power in this way is equally distributed. Another factor that is highly contributing this is the democracy in election.

## Conclusion

The above discussion highly clarifies the fact that experimental of limits of power towards the achievement of freedom of human being has been a success in United States of America. The separation of power in one way limits the actions of the government but promotes actions of the states government. In this way the representation of the citizen's interests to the government is high. This means that citizens have the freedom of expression as well as being heard. The protection of the states by the government ensures the citizens safety everywhere despite the regions you are from.