

# Powers of the Government

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| National Government                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | State Government                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Print money</li> <li>* Regulate interstate (between states) and international trade</li> <li>* Make treaties and conduct foreign policy</li> <li>* Declare war</li> <li>* Provide an army and navy</li> <li>* Establish post offices</li> <li>* Make laws necessary and proper to carry out the these powers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Issue licenses</li> <li>* Regulate intrastate (within the state) businesses</li> <li>* Conduct elections</li> <li>* Establish local governments</li> <li>* Ratify amendments to the Constitution</li> <li>* Take measures for public health and safety</li> <li>* May exert powers the Constitution does not delegate to the national government or prohibit the states from using</li> </ul> |

In addition to their exclusive powers, both the national government and state governments share the power of being able to:

- Collect taxes
- Build roads
- Borrow money
- Establish courts
- Make and enforce laws
- Charter banks and corporations
- Spend money for the general welfare
- Take private property for public purposes, with just compensation

