

The 17th Amendment

What Happened to States Sovereignty?

Our Senators are completely *'out of touch'* - they pay no attention to us & DO NOTHING for their State's Rights. Our States have been swallowed up by the Federal Government.

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Defining the problem is simple;

But 1st, how & why did it happen?

WHY? The Demagogues knew there were BILLION\$\$ to be made if they could take control of the process.

HOW? It took them about 100 years to make sure the people FORGOT the real facts and ACCEPTED their argument that The People themselves had the "right" to elect their Senators.

The RESULT:

The 17 Amendment removed ACCOUNTABILITY from the Senators.

The People now elected them but, had no way to find out WHO the Senators were working for.

The Senators no longer had to answer to the State Legislatures - before, if they Voted AGAINST the interests of the State, the Legislature knew it right away - and they would CENSURE or REMOVE them immediately.

Now, they were far away and the Media was happy to protect them (as long as THEIR \$\$ interests were met).

So, essentially they have NOBODY to answer to - they are free to do whatever gives them Political POWER & Personal WEALTH - and the poor, uninformed public has NO CLUE!

How can we fix this problem?

1st This is obvious: **Repeal the 17th Amendment.**

(The 2nd & 3rd are BRILLIANT, conceived by [TacticalCivics.com](#) & [AmericaAgain.net](#))

Washington DC is by far the most ruthless, powerful city-state on earth - *criminogenic*...

Our lawless federal servants actually teach our state, county and city servants to be equally corrupt.

2nd We need to REMOVE our Senators from DC. - We should pass the [BRING CONGRESS HOME Act](#).

We put each Senator in a leased office, in their Capitol-City (close to their BOSS - the State Legislature), give them 6 staff, a website (to tell *The People* how they Vote) and computer with [Telepresence Technology](#), which would allow them to do everything they can now do in Congress - but, BETTER & CHEAPER!

It's that simple.

3rd Then, for the icing on the cake, we Finish RATIFYING [the ORIGINAL 1st Amendment](#), which called for a MAX of 50,000 people per Rep in the House - so they could be "*Feel the pulse of The People*"..

It's still pending - It was never fully ratified - It will only take 27 more States to ratify it and MAKE IT LAW!

Then, we Elect all 6,400 of them each with only 50,000 Voters, instead of the present 750,000.

Then, similar to the Senators: - we give each of them a leased office in their hometown, a small staff of 2, a computer, a website (to publish their Votes), and **Telepresence Technology**

These 3 steps would give EVERYBODY easy access to their 'Reps' & Senators, make them accountable to us & their States, their Bosses, and Completely END the Corrupting Influence of D.C.

WOW!

(There are [100,000 Lobbyists](#) in DC, of which ONLY 10% are Legally Registered - What would they do?)

How the 17th Amendment is destroying America

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Few Americans realize that for most of American history, senators were chosen by the state legislatures. It wasn't until 1913 that the [17th Amendment was passed](#), granting American voters the constitutional right of directly electing their senators.

While this important amendment may seem innocuous, the reality is that few other changes to our Constitution have had the same detrimental effect on our nation than this single, nearly forgotten alteration.

The cry from the supporters of the 17th Amendment was that the average individual was being taken out of an important and valuable process. Any true proponent of democracy must, they reasoned, favor the empowerment of the common man over state institutions.

Although it's true the 17th Amendment gives more direct power to the individual voter, **the purpose of the Senate was never to represent the individual voters** – the House of Representatives already served that function. The Senate was designed from its very inception by the Founding Fathers **to protect the rights of the once-sovereign states**.

In the legendary *Federalist Papers*, intellectual giant James Madison, explained in essay “No. 63” the importance of the role of the Senate elected by a state legislature rather than the people themselves:

“To a people as little blinded by prejudice or corrupted by flattery as those whom I address, I shall not scruple to add, that such an institution [a Senate elected by the state legislatures] may be sometimes necessary as a defense to the people against their own temporary errors and delusions. ... so there are particular moments in public affairs when the people, stimulated by some irregular passion, or some illicit advantage, or misled by the artful misrepresentations of interested men, may call for measures which they themselves will afterwards be the most ready to lament and condemn.... In these critical moments, how salutary will be the interference of some temperate and respectable body of citizens, in order to check the misguided career, and to suspend the blow meditated by the people against themselves, until reason, justice, and truth can regain their authority over the public mind?”

The purpose of the Senate then was to exist as a safeguard against two potentially tyrannical powers: the presidency and the people.

Madison, like all the Founding Fathers, understood that each voter, whether he or she is a member of a state legislature or an individual citizen, casts a vote based primarily on personal interests. A citizen not familiar with the difficulties, responsibilities, or struggles of a state legislature is far less likely to vote for a senator who will represent the interests of his or her state.

In contrast, the individual legislator is likely to vote with a special sort of caution – one that looks suspiciously on any candidate that may seek to usurp the power of a state. In this unique instance, both liberals and conservatives in a state legislature stand on common ground. Although they often disagree on issues of policy, **neither wishes to see the power of the state legislature diminished in favor of centralized government in Washington, DC**.

Since 1913, the power and irresponsibility of the federal government has grown exponentially. **Because states no longer have a seat at the table, state legislatures are now constantly at the mercy of the federal government, and there is no sign of a return to sanity in the near future.**

A good illustration of the erosion of the responsibility of government is found by looking at outstanding government debt. government debt.

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The [debt actually shrank](#) from 1790, when a large debt remained outstanding from the Revolutionary War, to 1850. It increased only slightly in the 50-year period beginning in 1865, the final year of the Civil War, and ending in 1915.

The 50-year periods following the passage of 17th Amendment witnessed a remarkably different era of fiscal responsibility (or the lack thereof).

From 1913 to 1963, [the outstanding national debt grew](#) from just under \$3 billion to over \$305 billion.

From 1963 to 2013, the outstanding debt climbed to over \$16.7 trillion (16,700 billion).

Without a check and balance on the spending power of the federal government, **voters continued to ask for more expensive social programs and the federal government happily obliged** (or perhaps the federal government implemented programs first and the people, not wanting to lose their newly found financial benefits, then demanded the protection of those programs).

In addition to the deplorable lack of fiscal restraint, **the states have also largely been stripped of their powers in other arenas as well.** The examples of this power grab are seemingly endless.

If states do not even have sovereignty in the area of education, a topic clearly meant to be protected by the 10th Amendment and a subject nowhere discussed or implied to be under the power of the federal government in the Constitution, then **what legitimate powers remain?**

Other than the ability to tax and issue driver's licenses, states have little sovereignty, and **the evidence is overwhelming that this is the logical result of the elimination of the state legislature's role in selecting members of the Senate.**

Had the 17th Amendment never been passed, America would be far different (and better) than it is today.