

# Defederalization

Defederalization might begin with the devolution of federal authority over many areas to states.

This is already happening with respect to gun-carry laws, abortion access, and federal funding for religious schools, and Supreme court decisions make it possible.

An improvised system, however, would leave many Americans unprotected and perpetuate potentially violent disputes.

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