

Freedom

Across the country, we are seeing sharp new limits on the rights and privileges of Americans. And despite a national mythology that ties the threat of tyranny to the machinations of a distant, central government, the actual threat to American freedom is coming from the states.

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The plan ... is to shrink and degrade the very notion of national citizenship and to leave us, once again, at the total mercy of the states.

It is to place fundamental questions of political freedom and bodily autonomy into the hands of our local bullies and petty tyrants, whose whims they call "freedom," whose urge to dominate they call "liberty."

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