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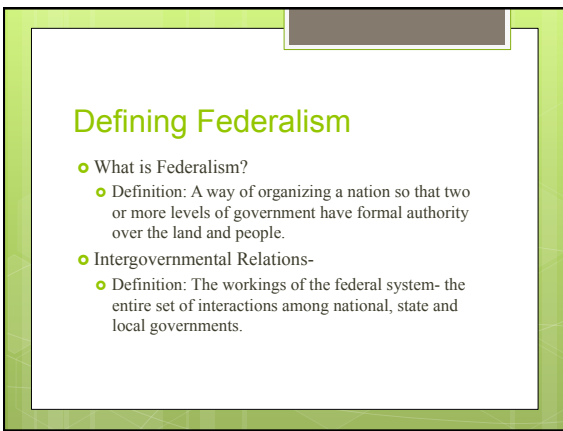
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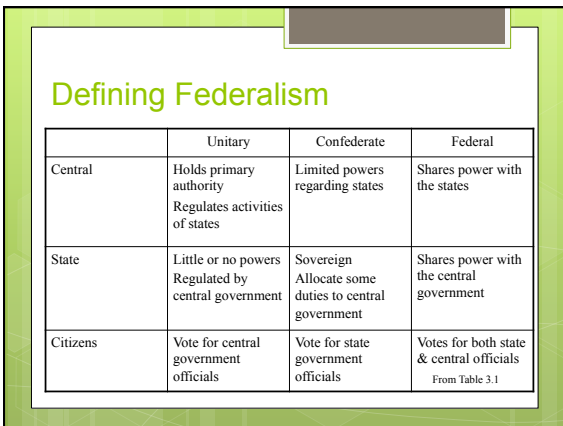
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**Defining Federalism**

- Why is Federalism So Important?
  - Decentralizes our politics
    - More opportunities to participate
  - Decentralizes our policies
    - Which government should take care of which problem?
    - States can solve the same problem in different ways.

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**The Constitutional Basis of Federalism**

- The Division of Power
  - The U.S. Constitution
  - Laws of Congress
  - Treaties
  - State Constitutions
  - State Laws

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**The Constitutional Basis of Federalism**

- Establishing National Supremacy
  - Implied Powers
  - Commerce Powers
  - The Civil War
  - The Struggle for Racial Equality

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**The Constitutional Basis of Federalism**

- States' Obligations to Each Other
  - Full Faith and Credit
  - Extradition
  - Privileges and Immunities

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**Intergovernmental Relations Today**

- Dual Federalism
  - Definition: A system of government in which both the states and the national government remain supreme within their own spheres, each responsible for some policies.
  - Like a layer cake
  - Ended in the 1930's (new deal shifts into cooperative federalism)

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**Intergovernmental Relations Today**

- Cooperative Federalism
  - Definition: A system of government in which powers and policy assignments are shared between states and the national government.
  - Shared costs
  - Shared administration
  - States follow federal guidelines

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### Intergovernmental Relations Today

- Fiscal Federalism**
  - Definition:** The pattern of spending, taxing, and providing grants in the federal system; it is the cornerstone of the national government's relations with state and local governments.

Category	Percentage
Health	47%
Education and training	20%
Income security	15%
Other	11%
Transportation	7%

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### Intergovernmental Relations Today

- Fiscal Federalism continued:**
  - The Grant System: Distributing the Federal Pie**
    - Categorical Grants:** Federal grants that can be used for specific purposes. They have strings attached
      - Project Grants- based on merit
      - Formula Grants: amount varies based on formulas
    - Block Grants:** Federal grants given more or less automatically to support broad programs.
      - Grants are given to states & local governments

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### Intergovernmental Relations Today

- Fiscal Federalism continued...**
  - The Scramble for Federal Dollars**
    - \$300 billion in grants every year
    - Universalism- a little something for everybody
  - The Mandate Blues**
    - Mandates are the "strings" attached to federal money
    - Unfunded mandates are requirements on state & local governments- but no money

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## Understanding Federalism

- o Advantages for Democracy
  - o Increasing access to government
  - o Local problems can be solved locally
  - o Hard for political parties / interest groups to dominate ALL politics
- o Disadvantages for Democracy
  - o States have different levels of service
  - o Local interest can counteract national interests
  - o Too many levels of government- too much money

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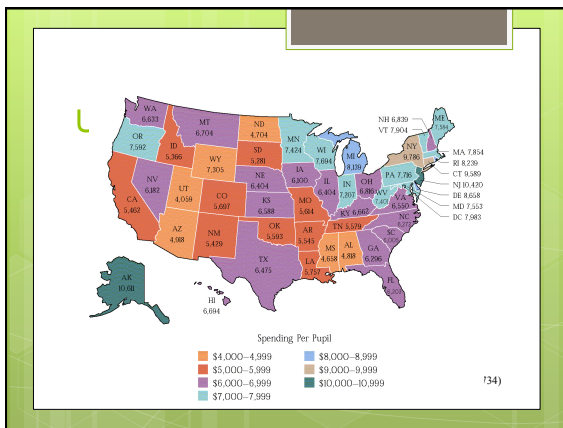
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## Understanding Federalism

- o Federalism and the Scope of Government
  - o Which level of government is best able to *solve* the problem?
  - o Which level of government is best able to *fund* solutions to the problem?

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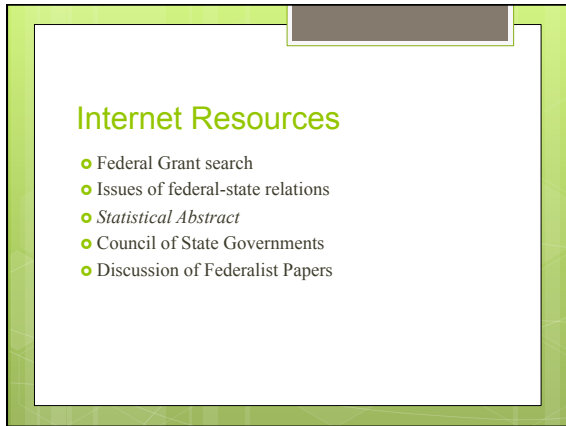
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**Internet Resources**

- Federal Grant search
- Issues of federal-state relations
- *Statistical Abstract*
- Council of State Governments
- Discussion of Federalist Papers

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