

In the absence of Federal Immigration Reform the States Have unleashed the 10th Amendment



The Tenth Amendment to the US Constitution provides that the "powers not granted to the federal government nor prohibited to the States by the Constitution are reserved to the States or the people."

With the absence of any reform in sight, the State legislators have enacted immigration laws in an attempt to fill the gaps the Federal government has not. Since when did immigration become an issue of the States? When the Federal government failed to act. And the laws being enacted by the States don't look pretty...

For example some states have been using local law enforcement and other public authorities to check individuals' immigration status at police stops as well as in local schools. And if that is not bad enough law enforcement is authorized to arrest — without first obtaining a warrant — of people believed to be here illegally. What about infringing upon the rights of those **legally** in the country...there goes the "land of the free"! Are legal citizens' rights not violated.

In all fairness however, the States spend millions of dollars on illegal immigration; incarcerating criminal aliens, providing education and healthcare to individuals who entered and reside here illegally. Nevertheless, inevitably, Arizona, leading the pack with the toughest legislation out there, finds itself now before the

Supreme Court of the United States.

Will the Justices defer to the 10th Amendment and the States thereby in essence decentralizing and fragmenting the legislative authority for immigration law?