

Political Science 10 – American Politics

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New Poll: Changing Attitudes on Marijuana

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- Liberty, limited gov't, and equality often at odds with one another (i.e., affirmative action, disability laws)

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 - Negotiate treaties, veto, recognize other countries, pardons, appoint judges

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- Resolves conflicts between states and national government, settling controversies between citizens of different states; eventually...judicial review