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Federalism in the United States is the topic I chose to explore in my final paper. It’s fascinating federalism in the United States has been reflected since the creation of the country. Federalism in the United States is the constitutional division of power between U.S. state governments and the United States federal government. Since the founding of the country, and particularly with the end of the American Civil War, power shifted away from the states and toward the national government. I have found sufficient research sources to support my research. The power divide in the United States is not new. In the early days of colonization, republicans and democrats have been divided since millennia’s. Republicans were the liberal party while democrats were slave-owners and conservatives. This topic also reminds me of the divides in the Democratic Party that existed in the early 1960s. Federalism supports the legislation of civil rights drafted by President John Kennedy, and the proceeding was the reality of the civil rights act of 1964. And today, we have every student succeeds act among others.

The reality of covid19 reveals the importance of federalism in the United States. In response to the pandemic, governors and state legislators are taking a more active role in enacting state-level policies in response to the pandemic. Elsewhere as written by Ugarte (2021), state governors are opposing leaders at the federal level noting a trend towards nationalizing U.S. politics before the pandemic. Federalism seems to be stronger. So far, I have not had difficulties understanding the course material. Widespread research is the best strategy to approach to understand course concepts. You only to research the topic and relate it with current events to understand it fully. Regarding federalism, the current state of U.S. democracy raises the question of the place of federalism given the dominance of national issues. I relate this to the spillover effects of jurisdictions and cost-shifting exercises from one level of government to the other.

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