

Extent of Federal and State Legislative Power and Federal and State Jurisdiction

Federal jurisdiction is co-extensive with the geographic area in which the Constitution confers upon Congress particular types of legislative power.

Extent of Legislative Power of Congress

Species of Legislative Power	Throughout Federal Territory	Throughout the Union
Territorial	Exclusive (Articles 1 § 8(17), 4 § 3(2))	None
Personal	Exclusive (Articles 1 § 8(17), 4 § 3(2))	None
Subject-matter	Exclusive (Articles 1 § 8(17), 4 § 3(2))	Limited to subjects enumerated in Article 1 § 8(1-16)

The Constitution confers upon Congress no power of territorial or personal legislation anywhere in the Union, only Federal territory. For that reason, Federal executive and judicial officers, such as United States Attorneys and United States District Judges, have no territorial or personal jurisdiction over property or people anywhere in the Union.

Extent of Legislative Power of each State Legislature

Species of Legislative Power	Within Federal Territory	Within its own Borders
Territorial	None	Exclusive
Personal	None	Exclusive
Subject-matter	None	Subjects other than those enumerated in Article 1 § 8(1-16)

State legislatures have exclusive territorial and personal legislation within their respective borders. For that reason, state executive and judicial officers have exclusive territorial and personal jurisdiction over property located and people residing within those borders.

According to the Constitution, unless a state legislature has ceded a particular tract of land to the Federal government by official act, the state retains exclusive territorial and personal jurisdiction over property located and persons residing therein.

Today we have a state of affairs where Federal executive and bench officers are usurping exercise of territorial jurisdiction over property and people in every state of the Union. This is outlawry. Every such executive or bench officer has violated his oath of office and committed treason to the Constitution.

Historical note: A set of circumstances not dissimilar to these prompted *The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America* of July 4, 1776.