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Interpreting the Tenth Amendment

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FYI, I have no legal training but I am highly educated and have read the Constitution numerous times searching for the answer to my question.

The tenth amendment limits the powers of the federal government to those specifically enumerated in the Constitution. I can find no authority enumerated in the Constitution for a majority of what the federal government does. Can some of you enlighten me as to how they gained that authority? Understand that in order to convince me that the federal government has the authority, you're going to have to show me where it is in the Constituion. I'm not arguing wheter or not they're "good and necessary", just whether or not they're Consttutional.

A partial list of the programs/departments (some I like and some I don't) for which I cannot find the authority in the Constitution:

1. **Department of the Interior**
2. **Department of Agriculture**
3. **Department of Labor**
4. **Department of Health and Human Services**
5. **Department of Housing and Urban Development**
6. **Department of Transportation**
7. **Department of Energy**
8. **Department of Education**
9. **Environmental Protection Agency**
10. **OSHA**
11. **Social Security**
12. **Medicare/Medicaid**
13. **"Obamacare"**
14. **National Parks**
15. **NASA**
16. **FDA**
17. **NIH**

18. **WIC**
19. **Farm Subsidies**
20. **Oil Subsidies**
21. **Federal Minimum Wage**
22. many more too numerous to list

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