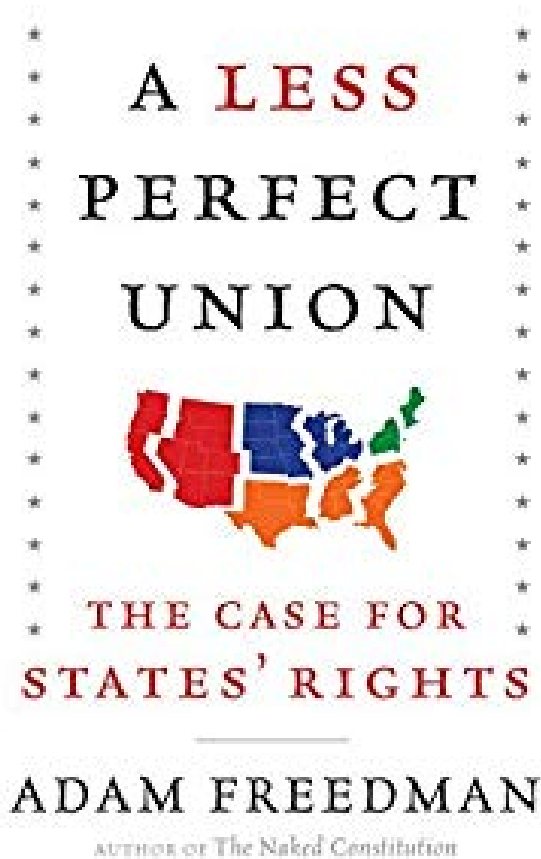


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One of America's leading conservative commentators on constitutional law provides an illuminating history of states' rights, and the vital importance of reviving them today. Liberals believe that the argument for "states' rights" is a smokescreen for racist repression. But historically, the doctrine of states' rights has been an honorable tradition—a necessary component of constitutional government and a protector of American freedoms. Our Constitution is largely devoted to restraining the federal government and protecting state sovereignty. Yet for decades, Adam Freedman contends, the federal government has usurped rights that belong to the states in a veritable coup.

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