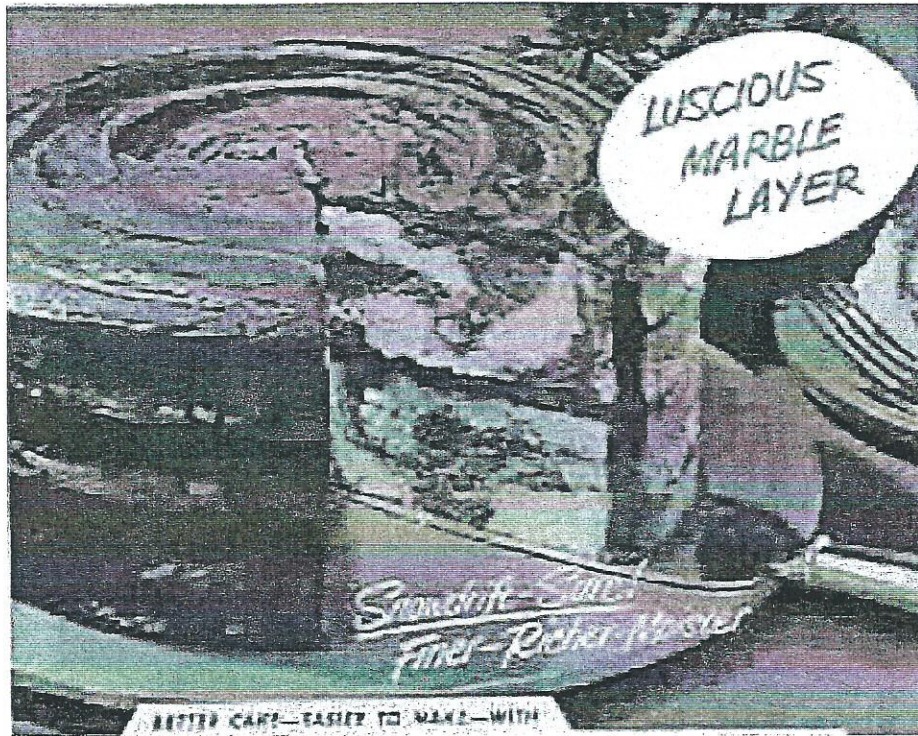


## Cooperative Federalism “marble cake” federalism



**cooperative federalism** - asserts that the national government is supreme over the states with the federal government intervening or assisting in some areas that have been traditionally left to the states

- The 10th Amendment, the Supremacy Clause, the Necessary and Proper Clause, and the Commerce Clause should be interpreted loosely.
- A good illustration of the wide interpretation of these parts of the Constitution is exemplified by the Necessary and Proper Clause's other common name: the Elastic Clause.
- Current trend in federalism since the New Deal in the 1930s.
- Examples of federal and state governments sharing power previously left to the states: education, social programs, transportation, civil rights, response to national emergencies.
- What does *cooperative federalism* have in common with a marble cake?

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