

Federalism, a new Constitution and Peace in South Sudan;

Perspectives; Spring-2020 U.S. Senate Pages

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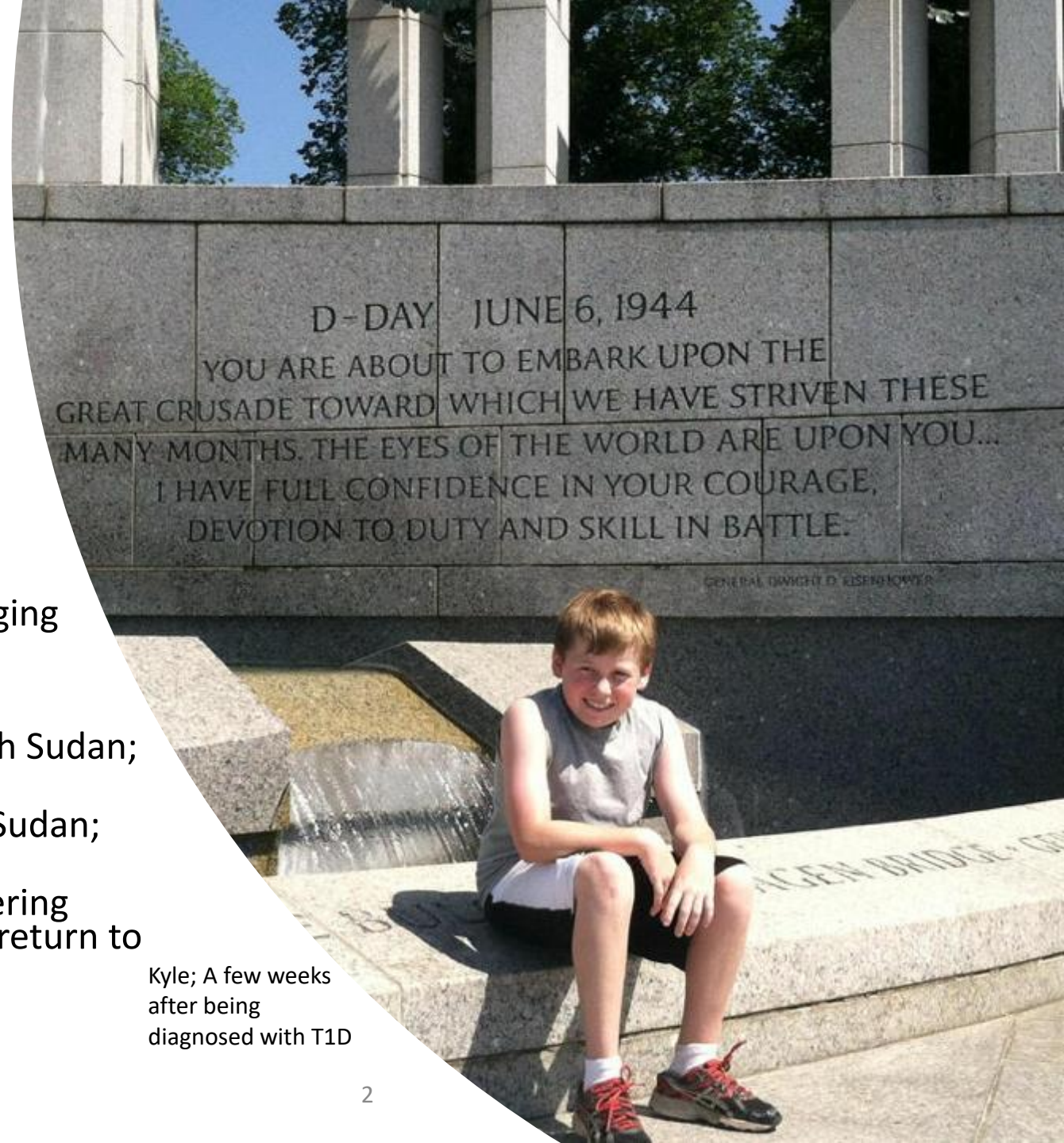
Kyle's Campaigns for Change
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Who is Kyle? What is KCC? Why South Sudan?

- Kyle Thaller
 - 12th grade and 17 years old
 - Diagnosed with Type-1 Diabetes 4-22-15
 - Navy SEAL & Naval Academy not possible
 - Strong desire to be global leader still present
- Formed Kyle's Campaigns for Change (KCC) in 2016
- South Sudan and Sudan are two of world's most challenging regions
- Current Projects
 - Full financial support of two diabetes clinics in South Sudan;
Saving lives of T1D kids.
 - Providing medical supplies to children's hospital in Sudan;
Saving lives of T1D kids.
 - Newest project: Assist South Sudan Gov't with fostering federalism, forming new constitution, and averting return to civil war; *Saving lives of many people.*

❖ **Goal of KCC: Saving Lives By Never Giving Up**



Kyle; A few weeks after being diagnosed with T1D

To the right is President Salva Kiir Mayardit signing the Agreement on Resolution of Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan
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Project Goal

To assist the Minister of Federal Affairs (MoFedA), Republic of South Sudan with development of federalism in support of a new Constitution for South Sudan.

1. How can a federal form of government maintain unity of a country that is so fragile with strong ethnic affiliation?
2. How can a State with limited resources manage to exist in a federal arrangement?
3. What are the main powers of the federal level of government vis-a-viz states and counties?
4. How to educate and inform the citizens of South Sudan that Federalism, if implemented correctly, works in the favor of both the central government as well as State and local governments.

Overall:

1. To do whatever possible to help MoFedA to mitigate conflict, violence, and civil war in South Sudan.



To the right are Spring-2020 Senate Pages with Vice-President Michael R. Pence.

Why former Spring-2020 Senate Pages?

- U.S. Senate Page program is highly selective whereby 30 High School juniors are selected from across the U.S.A., each sponsored by a U.S. senator.
- Pages live and work in Washington, D.C. for an entire semester, and attend the Senate Page School while also working full time on the U.S. Senate Floor assisting senators in the minute-to-minute activities of the U.S. Senate.
- Pages offer unique perspectives on American government and legislation due to working on the U.S. Senate Floor with senators from all 50 States.
- Many Pages are driven to make impact on world affairs through public policy and service.
- Nearly all Spring-2020 Pages recently took AP American History or AP U.S. Government, and so are experts on many aspects of federalism.
- Although Pages are from both political parties, all are still young and broadly open-minded whereby brainstorming, ideas, and collaboration should be very productive.



South Sudan: Background

- 239,285 mi (roughly size of all south eastern United States)
- 10.98 million people
- President: H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit
 - First Vice-President: H.E. Dr. Riek Machar Teny Dhurgon (most powerful of 5 VPs)
 - Minister of Federal Affairs: Honorable Losuba Ludoru Wongo Upele
- Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity (R-TGoNU)
 - 35 Ministers, each overseeing a different portion of the Federal government
 - National Legislative Assembly is the Legislative Body of South Sudan consisting of the Transitional National Assembly which is the Lower House, and the Upper House which is called the Council of states
- Geography: Currently 10 States and 3 Administrative Areas (though in past there were 32 States)
 - Some have a primary economic factor (oil, gold, Agriculture etc.)
 - Each has dominant ethnicity (Dinka, Nuer, Zande, Shilluk, Bari, Tobosa, etc.)
- Religion
 - Christianity is the most predominant (60%)
 - Islam is 3rd with 10%
 - Remainder follow *Traditional South Sudanese Religion* (30%)
- Divided into 64 different ethnicities which in turn are divided into different tribes controlling certain areas of land (see articles for more info)



Above are South Sudanese Soldiers

[Link to pix reference](#)

How will MoFedA Goal be Achieved: Background

Below is Kyle Thaller with the Rt Hon. Joseph Bol Chan, Equiv. to the U.S. Senate Majority Leader (August 2019).

- South Sudan at war for majority of past 70 years.
 - 2,500,000 killed overall
 - Inter-tribal/ethnic conflict and associated unequal sharing of wealth & representation are primary drivers of conflict.
- Re-vitalized Agreement on the Resolution of Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS) was signed in 9-12-2018
- Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity (R-TGoNU) signed 2-20-2020
- R-ARCSS focuses upon implementation of *federalism* and new Constitution.
 - Federalism is not well understood in SS.
 - Federalism is defined as the separation of State and local Powers from National Powers, to include wealth sharing.
- **Goal is achieved through adoption, education, and implementation of federalism.**
 - **New Constitution will incorporate clarified use of Federalism as its foundational theme.**





To left is picture of the Hon. Losuba Ludoru Wongo Upele, South Sudan Minister of Federal Affairs.

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How Project Goal Was Achieved

- Kyle and KCC (Kyle's Campaigns for Change; KCC-T1d.com) have an extensive network and existing relationship with the South Sudan Minister of Federal Affairs (MoFedA) as well as other gov't officials.
- KCC is committed to doing this project and has already obtained agreement from South Sudan.
- Volunteers to assist were requested from the former Spring-2020 Senate Pages.
- The Hon. Losuba Ludoru Wongo Upele, Minister of Federal Affairs spoke with the former Senate Pages via video conference to provide additional background.
- *The Spring-2020 Senate Pages decided to each provide 1-5 specific ideas, statements, or observations that best describe what, why and how federalism concepts may apply to South Sudan. These thoughts should be based upon personal experiences at the U.S. Senate as a Senate Page, or from experience from each Page's State. Each idea should include a brief essay of 1-3 pages, double spaced.*
- Comments were then be provided to a smaller group of Spring 2020 Senate Pages for consolidation. These comments will be organized in form of a report/PowerPoint and provided to the SS MoFedA and other SS leadership.
- COVID prevented a planned 1-3 week trip to South Sudan in August. Instead, results presented by ZOOM.
- **VIP from U.S. and South Sudan also invited to Zoom Conference**



To the left is a picture of Kyle and Dr. Constantine Jervase Yak, Member of Council of States (equivalent of U.S. Senate) and is also the founder of the National Diabetes Program in SS. He is Kyle's chief contact and political mentor.

Why was this Project Important?

- Current peace and transitional government in South Sudan are brand new and fragile. Ideas, approaches, and support are needed.
- Project's visibility, combined with the nature of the project (e.g. the ideas about why federalism is "good") will strongly encourage additional focus upon federalism in South Sudan and should help mitigate violence and/or a return to war.
- Project is endorsed by MoFedA and has received attention from the Presidency of the Republic of South Sudan.
- Pages' relationship with their sponsoring senators makes it even more likely that this project will be highly visible in the U.S. and internationally.
- This project illustrates how future leaders can set aside differences of race, political party, and gender to the benefit of a greater cause; avoiding resumption of war in South Sudan.

Committees and Assignments

Name of Committee	Chairman	Member	Member	Member	Member	Member
Founder and MoFedA Liaison	Kyle Thaller					
Project Leadership Committee	Kyle Thaller	Eli Cole (Vice-Chair)	Sam Verstandig (Vice-Chair)	Mallory Slucher (Secretariat)		
Power Point and Final Report Committee	Andy Vazquez	Blake Simmons	Andrew Lichtblau			
Revision Committee	Mallory Slucher	Phoebe McChesney (Vice-Chair)	Peyton Dashiell			
Selection Committee	Sam Verstandig	Eli Cole	Phoebe McChesney			
Presentation Committee	Hunter Teague	Andy Vazquez	Sam Verstandig	Mallory Slucher	Eli Cole	Andrew Lichtblau

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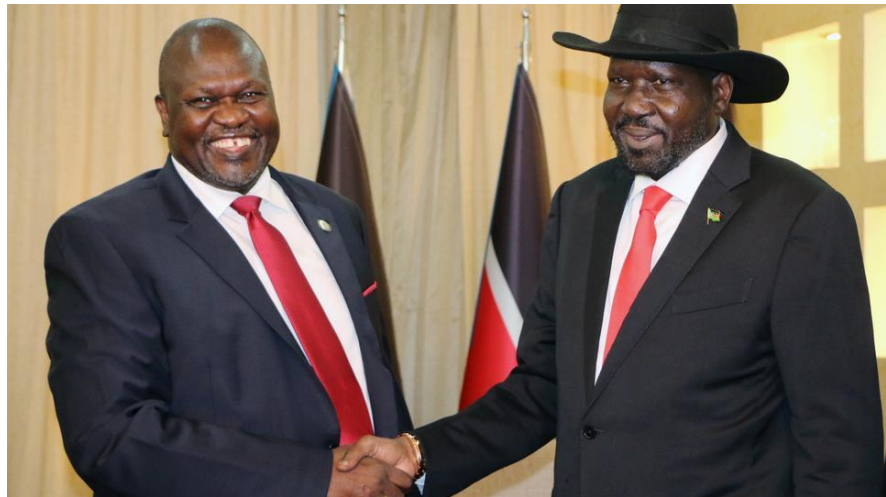


Sophomore; University of North Carolina:
majoring in Peace, War, and Defense

United States Senate Page, Fall 2017

Top 10 Ideas

(listed alphabetically by
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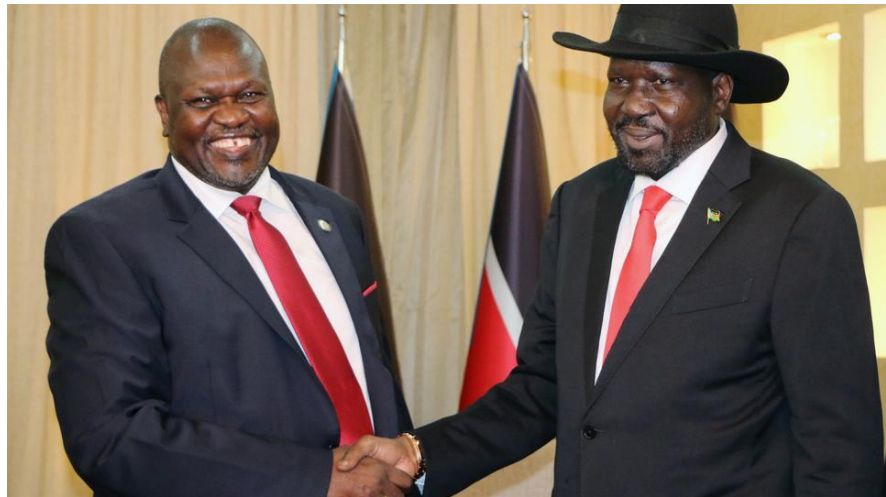
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Cole, Eli	Domestic Ambassadors
Dashiell, Peyton	Taxation and State-Based Monetary Policy
Lichtblau, Andrew	Voter Confidence through Federalism
McChesney, Phoebe	Women Serving in Government
Simmons, Blake	Federalism Information Program
Slucher, Mallory	Age for Voting Rights
Teague, Hunter	Lifelong Terms for Supreme Court Justices
Thaller, Kyle	Federalist Letters of South Sudan
Vazquez, Andres	Popular Vote
Verstandig, Sam	Balance of Powers

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Remaining Ideas

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Domestic Ambassadors

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<p>Elijah Cole Spring-2020</p> <p>Desired Career Path: Pediatric Medicine</p>		<p>Senator Mike Enzi R-Wyoming Chair of Senate Budget Committee</p>	

- Domestic Ambassadors should be established as pseudo-diplomats within South Sudan, lobbying on behalf of their States

Domestic Ambassadors

- Ambassadors are tasked with being a “middleman” of lobbyist between their state/community and the central government
- This program could provide a strengthening between the members of government and their constituents through policy focused on the needs of the communities
- This policy and strengthening would benefit a move towards Federalism as cooperation would be seen
- Substantially more people will voice their opinion when needed, and become politically educated, and in the end more community will be involved in government
- Lastly, ambassadors should be educated members of their community

Taxation and State-based Monetary Policy

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<p>Peyton Dashiell Spring-2020</p> <p>Desired Career Path: Foreign Service Official</p>	 A portrait of Peyton Dashiell, a young woman with long brown hair, wearing a dark blue blazer over a white collared shirt. She is smiling and has a name tag on her left lapel.	<p>Senator John Cornyn R-Texas Member of Senate Committee on Intelligence</p>	 A portrait of Senator John Cornyn, an older man with white hair, wearing a dark pinstriped suit jacket, a light blue shirt, and a blue tie. He has his arms crossed and is smiling.

- The importance of dealing with monetary issues through federalism to focus on macro and micro economic policy initiatives

Taxation and State-Based Monetary Policy

- Profound differences in each of the U.S. states show how policies may work for some states but may be less effective in others
- Elected officials try to advance the interests of their state and the nation as a whole, with the bills and amendments they support
- Allowing South Sudanese states to levy their own taxes based on the economy of their state strongly supports Federalism
 - Taxation would be the most effective for their area
 - All citizens should be required to pay federal income tax – as they are presently – if they qualify
- Ex. In the U.S., all citizens are required to pay taxes to the federal government
 - Some states have income taxes, some have oil and gas – severance – taxes
 - States get to choose which taxes they would like to have

Voter Confidence Through Federalism



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<p>Andrew Lichtblau Spring-2020</p> <p>Desired Career Path: Statesman</p>	 A portrait of a young man with dark hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is smiling and has a name tag on his lapel.	<p>Senator Chris Van Hollen D-Maryland Member of Senate Committee on Banking</p>	 A portrait of a middle-aged man with light hair, wearing a dark suit, light blue shirt, and patterned tie. He is smiling and has a building in the background.

- The presence of elected officials at local, state and, federal levels enables voters a feeling of connections to their policymakers that increases trust and voter confidence between the government and its citizens

Voter Confidence through Federalism

- Federalism provides a direct and easily-accessible avenue for citizens to articulate their concerns and relay their views
- Citizen involvement in local government improves civil engagement
- Local government is a source for many democratic values to be derived and then presented to the public at large
- A strong sense of trust should be established between the people and their elected officials
- Creating local and state governments can increase South Sudan civic engagement involving the decision-making processes

Women Serving in Government



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<p>Phoebe McChesney Spring-2020</p> <p>Desired Career Path: Supreme Court Justice</p>	 A portrait of Phoebe McChesney, a young woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark blazer over a white shirt. She is wearing a blue name tag that reads "PHOEBE MCCHESENEY".	<p>Senator Richard Durbin D-Illinois Ranking Member of Senate Subcommittee on Defense</p>	 A portrait of Senator Richard Durbin, a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie.

- Mandate for female representation within elected state and central government positions as well as executive-appointed positions

Women Serving in Government

- The ideas and genius of 50% of the country's population is potentially wasted without having a mandate
- Support of Federalism will be enhanced
 - Half of the country's population are women, and so women representation makes sense
- Ensure women are elected as well as appointed representatives in all aspects of government
- Some ballots to be all-female, where most qualified female candidate can be chosen
- Suggested initial (minimum) mandate is 25% - this mandate will continue from the current constitution
 - Mandate is kept in place until it is exceeded
- Encourage Women to become involved with governance by:
 - Government and NGO cooperating to bring academic resources to girls (books, writing implements, etc.)
 - Literacy test requirement for young people before they may complete their education to be eligible for seats in the national legislature

Federalism Information Program

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<p>Blake Simmons Spring-2020</p> <p>Desired Career Path: Public Service</p>	 A portrait of Blake Simmons, a young man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is smiling and has a name tag that reads "BLAKE SIMMONS".	<p>Senator James Inhofe R-Oklahoma Chairman of the Armed Services Committee</p>	 A portrait of Senator James Inhofe, an older man with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red tie with a small pattern. He is smiling and an American flag is visible in the background.

- Encouraging elected officials and their staff to effectively convey government transparency and information

Federalism Information Program

- Modeled after the U.S.'s C-SPAN network
 - C-SPAN, Cable-Satellite Public Affairs network, created in 1979 is a network that helps keep Americans informed by showing what our three branches of government are doing
- South Sudan government can actively show its citizens what they are doing and to protect federalism by keeping citizens educated and informed
- Content coming from South Sudan's National Legislature and the Council of States where they post their speeches, and actively show their procedures
- Because the entire country does not have access to internet and the platform to view this, government officials would have staff or volunteers travel around their constituency to share what their official is doing
- Federalism concepts will be shared throughout South Sudan to inspire education, debate, discussion, and through that, reform

Age for Voting Rights

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<p>Mallory Slucher Spring-2020</p> <p>Desired Career Path: Governor of Kentucky</p>	 A portrait of Mallory Slucher, a young woman with long reddish-brown hair, wearing a dark blue blazer over a white collared shirt. She is smiling and looking slightly to the right of the camera.	<p>Senator Mitch McConnell R-Kentucky U.S. Senate Majority Leader, Ex Officio of Senate Select Committee on Intelligence</p>	 A portrait of Senator Mitch McConnell, a man with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and blue tie. He is standing in front of an American flag.

- Establishing a Voting Age for Elections

Age for Voting Rights

- National voting age for South Sudanese citizens should be clarified in the Constitution
- Median age in South Sudan is 19, meaning if there is a slight variation in voting age in any region of the country, a large and consistent voice will be lost
- The United States faced this exact same problem before 1971 when President Nixon passed the 26th Amendment setting the voting age to 18 years old
 - Before 1971, there were states with varying voting ages. People began to discover that men were being sent to war by politicians they could not vote for because they were too young.
- Setting a clear age will allow the country to have all voices best represented and mitigate future problems that could spawn from an unclarified voting age
- Recognizing the importance of this issue is directly related to the success of Federalism

Lifelong Terms for Supreme Court Justices

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<p>Hunter Teague Spring-2020</p> <p>Desired Career Path: Aerospace Engineer</p>	 A portrait of Hunter Teague, a young man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is smiling and has a name tag on his lapel.	<p>Senator Richard Burr R-North Carolina Member of Senate Committee on Finance</p>	 A portrait of Senator Richard Burr, an older man with grey hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a striped tie. He is standing with his hands clasped in front of him.

- Establishing lifelong terms for judicial nominations to the Supreme Court

Lifelong Terms for Supreme Court Justices

- Lifelong terms for Supreme Court Justices would separate power between the Executive and Judiciary Branches, eliminating any type of imputed or appearance of bias
- Avoiding any and all appearance of bias is critical if justices are to be truly impartial and universally respected; this is essential for Federalism
- Separation of powers allows different branches of government to check and balance one another's power
- Lifelong terms would allow Supreme Court Justices to vote independently of outside influences
- In Federalist 76 Hamilton argues that “The complete independence of the courts of justice is peculiarly essential in a limited Constitution”

The Federalist Letters of South Sudan

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<p>Kyle Thaller Spring-2020</p> <p>Desired Career Path: Elected Office</p>	 A portrait of Kyle Thaller, a young man with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.	<p>Senator Mark Warner D-Virginia Vice-Chair of Senate Intelligence Committee</p>	 A portrait of Senator Mark Warner, a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and blue tie. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. An American flag is visible in the background.

- Modeled after the *The Federalist Papers*
 - Federalist Papers were a series of essays written and published in the U.S. Thirteen Colonies during the 1780s and 1790s to promote Federalism

The Federalist Letters of South Sudan

- Ideas on Federalism to be published in South Sudan newspapers as *The Federalist Letters of South Sudan*
 - This project's essays/ideas are an initial source of letters
 - Academics, politicians and anybody can submit a letter to MoFedA for publishing
- Authors would be anonymous, just as they were for *The Federalist Papers*.
- South Sudan citizens would debate the ideas
- Ideas would also be verbally shared after initial reading
- Essays/ideas also read by politicians and radio talk-show hosts
 - Each person would take a stance on that topic and debate it live on national radio/television.
 - Goal would be to expose the people of South Sudan to federalist ideas so they can make up their own opinion
- Federalist ideas proposed in these essays to the leaders, politicians and citizens of South Sudan will allow debate, discussion and hopefully conclusion that Federalism is best choice of government

Popular Vote

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<p>Andres Vazquez Spring-2020</p> <p>Desired Career Path: Elected Office</p>	 A portrait of a young man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.	<p>Senator Tammy Duckworth D-Illinois Member of Senate Armed Service Committee</p>	 A portrait of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a black jacket over a dark top. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. An American flag is visible in the background to her left.

- To increase support and legitimacy for Federalism, national elections – with a popular vote – should be established

Popular Vote

- National elections for publicly held elected office are key in allowing for more civic engagement for all levels of government
- The United States has a popular election for all elected offices
 - This is not the case for the Presidency
 - The President is elected through the Electoral College
- For all levels of government, the American electorate has increasingly favored a popular election for all levels of government
- Allowing for a national popular election not only reinforces the faith in the democratic system, but it also allows for civic engagement in the local, state, and federal levels of governments
- National popular election allows multiple parties to emerge, creating a political landscape which lets people articulate ideas in a representative system

Balance of Powers

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<p>Sam Verstandig Spring-2020</p> <p>Desired Career Path: Government Official</p>	 A portrait of Sam Verstandig, a young man with dark hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is smiling slightly and has a name tag on his lapel.	<p>Senator Charles Schumer D-New York U.S. Senate Minority Leader</p>	 A portrait of Senator Charles Schumer, an older man with grey hair, wearing a dark suit, light blue shirt, and yellow tie. He is leaning on a stone ledge and smiling.

- The protection of democracy and legislation should be ensured through a nonpartisan official who is not in the president's cabinet

Balance of Powers

- The Minister of Justice should not be appointed
 - The Minister should be nonpartisan
 - Having the Ministry of Justice in the cabinet does not allow for a balance of power within the government
 - However the Ministry of Justice should still be a part of the Executive Branch
- To keep the Minister of Justice independent is to change the way it is filled
 - To maintain a balance of power, the legislative branch should have to undergo a nomination process for which gets approved with a two-thirds majority.
 - In order to remove the Minister, two-thirds of the legislative branch must approve the removal
- The Minister of Justice brings charges against wrongdoings and investigates claims of misconduct
- An independent Minister of Justice strongly supports all aspects of Federalism since he/she is confirmed by the Legislature

Resources for Research

- Several good references have been collected and added to the KCC website below. Please use the tab for “South Sudan Federalism Project”. There are also some articles I wrote as a high school sophomore and junior that might be helpful. See website at <https://KCC-T1d.com>.
 - [Click here for KCC website; Research Tab](#)

To the right are Vice-President Dr. Riek Machar (left) and President Salva Kiir (right).

[Link to Source for VP Dr. Machar picture](#)

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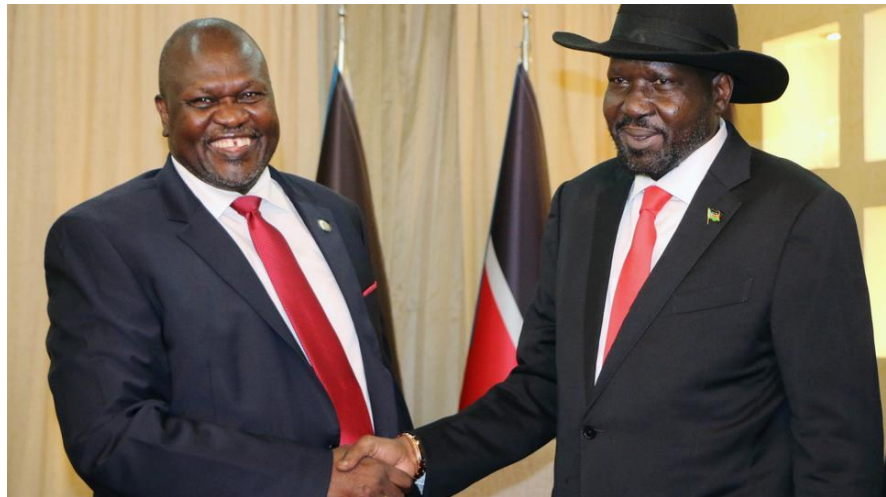
Back-Up Slides

To right is impeachment trial of President Donald Trump; Pages Phoebe McChesney and Kyle Thaller are sitting directly to left of the Rostrum, behind Congressman Adam Schiff and Hon. John Roberts, Chief Justice of U.S. Supreme Court is in the Senate President's chair and presiding. Pix is from C-CPAN circa 1/30/2020.



Remaining Ideas

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Supremacy & “Necessary and Proper Clauses”

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- Implementation of laws which establish and define the relation between the federal and state government reinforces federalism

Supremacy & “Necessary and Proper Clauses”

- Separation between federal and state law when legislating allows federalism to succeed
- Creating a mirror of the United State’s Tenth Amendment would reinforce Federalism by granting any nonfederal law rights to the state government
- Linking the state and federal government through something similar to the United States’ “Necessary and Proper Clause” would create a strong bond while also promoting Federalism
- By making the federal law the highest law of the land while also working in aspects of America’s Tenth Amendment and “Necessary and Proper Clause,”
 - Federalism will be promoted through constitutional features that encourage state and federal cooperation in lawmaking and legislation

Freedom of Expression



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- The right to peacefully assemble through such actions as protests, demonstrations, marches, etc.

Freedom of Expression

- Gives people of a country input and power within the political system
- Examples: lobbyists on Capital Hill, peaceful demonstrations, etc.
- People are more accepting of a federalist form of government when people feel they are being heard
- Peaceful assembly leads to:
 - a longer lasting more flexible policy
 - Responds to changing times
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. helped pass civil rights legislation and American governors are taking down controversial statues and symbols due to peaceful protest

Federal Jurisdiction: Spheres of Power



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- Distinguish spheres of power between the traditional/local, state, and national governments

Federal Jurisdiction: Spheres of Power

- In order for Federalism to work, spheres of power must be clearly outlined
 - In the U.S., local/tradition governments have specific, outlined powers
 - The national government has unique and defined powers
- These powers may overlap on occasion
- However, the constitution includes a provision protecting specific rights of the people and local/traditional governments from the national government
- Ensures all levels of government have authority, and keeps national government in check

Separation of Powers


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<p>Phoebe McChesney Spring-2020</p> <p>Desired Career Path: Supreme Court Justice</p>	 A portrait of Phoebe McChesney, a young woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark blazer over a light-colored shirt. She is wearing a blue name tag that reads "PHOEBE MCCHESENEY".	<p>Senator Richard Durbin D-Illinois Ranking Member of Senate Subcommittee on Defense</p>	 A portrait of Senator Richard Durbin, a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie.

- Division of national powers among multiple branches

Separation of Powers

- Required for federalism to work. Otherwise, the government is not really federalist-based since the judiciary can always over-rule state powers
- Increased efficiency of government
 - Lawmakers do not have the time to rule on constitutionality of legislation
- Ensure neutrality in judicial decisions
- Lawmakers would have difficulty remaining unbiased if having to judge the fairness of bills they voted for/against
- Essay may be used to promote Federalism to the South Sudanese people by reiterating support of an aspect of Federalism (promotes *Federalist Letters of South Sudan* idea)

Independent Vice Presidency

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<p>Phoebe McChesney Spring-2020</p> <p>Desired Career Path: Supreme Court Justice</p>	 A portrait of Phoebe McChesney, a young woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark blazer over a light-colored shirt. She is wearing a name tag that reads "PHOEBE MCCHESENEY".	<p>Senator Richard Durbin D-Illinois Ranking Member of Senate Subcommittee on Defense</p>	 A portrait of Senator Richard Durbin, a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie.

- Once the Vice President is elected, the president cannot dismiss the Vice President without approval from Legislature

Independent Vice Presidency

- Vice President to be elected and will serve same term as President
- Vice President cannot be removed unless requested by President and confirmed by super majority vote of Legislature
- Role of Vice President
 - Advise the President honestly, without fear of job termination
 - Assist the President in managing the duties of the Executive Office
 - Offer viewpoints different from the President's which may be representative of various perspectives throughout the country, increasing representation of the country's diversity within the national government
- President and vice president may work jointly though informal sharing of power, reducing potential need to compete for executive authority
- Important for federalism since states will see and respect constitutional-based sharing of power

Female Voting Rights


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<p>Mallory Slucher Spring-2020</p> <p>Desired Career Path: Governor of Kentucky</p>	 A portrait of Mallory Slucher, a young woman with long reddish-brown hair, wearing a dark blue blazer over a white collared shirt. She is smiling and looking slightly to the right of the camera.	<p>Senator Mitch McConnell R-Kentucky U.S. Senate Majority Leader, Ex Officio of Senate Select Committee on Intelligence</p>	 A portrait of Senator Mitch McConnell, a man with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and blue tie. He is standing in front of an American flag.

- Women have an equal right to vote and should be encouraged to vote

Female Voting Rights

- The current Constitution specifically lays out rights for women but does not include voting rights
- Without having a specification, the current constitution has too much legal ambiguity, leaving room for future politicians to abuse powers
- In the United States, Article 1 granted citizens the right to vote; however, women were not specifically addressed until nearly 150 years later
- Having gender diversity in the voting pool ensures the whole country's needs are represented instead of just one group of people
- Gender diversity, like ethnic and geographic diversity is in general support of Federalism and separation of powers.

Election of the Council of States

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<p>Hunter Teague Spring-2020</p> <p>Desired Career Path: Aerospace Engineer</p>	 A portrait of Hunter Teague, a young man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is smiling and has a name tag on his lapel.	<p>Senator Richard Burr R-North Carolina Member of Senate Committee on Finance</p>	 A portrait of Senator Richard Burr, an older man with grey hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a striped tie. He is standing with his hands clasped in front of him.

- Representation of the people is essential in a Federalist system, and the election of the Council of States gives the people of South Sudan greater representation in their government

Election of the Council of States

- Federalism in the U.S. works well with elected rather than appointed officials, and so federalism in South Sudan should benefit by this model
- The election of the Council of States separates powers between the Legislative and Executive Branches
- Elected representatives more likely to trust those whom they have elected
- James Madison explains the importance of the separation of power in Federalist 51 (one of the Federalist Papers)
- Madison states, “In order to lay a due foundation for that separate and distinct exercise of the different powers of government, which to a certain extent is admitted on all hands to be essential to the preservation of liberty, it is evident that each department should have a will of its own”

State and Federal Offices for Senior Elected Officials

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<p>Kyle Thaller Spring-2020</p> <p>Desired Career Path: Elected Office</p>		<p>Senator Mark Warner D-Virginia Vice-Chair of Senate Intelligence Committee</p>	

- Every U.S. Senator has two offices, one in Washington D.C, the Capital of the U.S., and one office back in the capital of their home state.
- South Sudan should follow this example as it would promote Federalism and cooperation between the State and National governments.

State and Federal Offices for Senior Elected Officials

- Senior Elected officials of South Sudan having State offices and Federal offices would have many merits
 - Shows that Members of the Council of States and National Assembly are keeping the interests of their constituents close to their heart
 - Promotes Federalism since there is one office in Juba, and one office back in their home state, therefore showing cooperation between the State and National governments
 - Creates jobs in their state since the state office will need staff
 - The Member of Parliament will also need a staff to help him/her manage his affairs
 - Staff should be extremely diverse and represent the ethnicities of the people of each state
 - Avoid favoritism and select the people who are most qualified

The South Sudan Parliamentary Page/Internship Program

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- The U.S. Senate Page Program was founded to foster future leaders in public service and government.
- South Sudan should establish a similar program for the Council of States or the National Assembly to promote Federalism while also encouraging the young leaders of South Sudan to enter public service

The South Sudan Parliamentary Page/Internship Program

- Inspires young leaders to enter public service
- Allows college students to intern or serve as a “Page” for Members of the the National Assembly or Council of States
- Gives Parliamentary Pages a first-hand look into the Legislative process and the highest levels of the Federal government
- Former Senate Pages from the U.S. to assist and become involved
 - Visit for a month or so during the summer
 - Video conferences throughout the year
 - Consider introduction to the U.S. Senate Page Program
- Promotes federalism by:
 - Taking college students from Universities that are in each of the respective states in South Sudan and sending them to Juba to work for their Representatives in the Council of States and the National assembly

Environmental Federalism

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<p>Andres Vazquez Spring-2020</p> <p>Desired Career Path: Elected Office</p>	 A portrait of Andres Vazquez, a young man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.	<p>Senator Tammy Duckworth D-Illinois Member of Senate Armed Service Committee</p>	 A portrait of Senator Tammy Duckworth, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a black jacket over a dark top. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. An American flag is visible in the background.

- To combat the effects of climate change, environmental federalism should be adopted and enacted by both state and national government

Environmental Federalism

- The effects of climate change on the environment thus far have been catastrophic and are worsening
- Climate change, if not abated, will create deadly famines, mass migration, and increased temperatures that will lead to deaths
- Environmental federalism allows for the federal government to set national environmental standards
 - The state level will then set a certain standard – which follows and is sometimes stricter than the national standard – which caters to regional specific needs which may not be the same for other regions
 - The local level will also set standards which would cater to the needs of the locality to combat climate change
- Allowing the various levels of governments to work together to set mandates that cater to regional needs increases public support for federalism through the tangible initiatives which the government would enact
- Environmental federalism would increase civic engagement on all levels of government through region-based initiatives to combat climate change