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A very famous politician once said, "All politics are local." And so, many of the federal issues have started because something happened at a local level that then moved on and become a federal issue. Really, the thing that's most interesting is how many more people get involved in public policy at the local level because they're closer. For somebody in Oshkosh, Wisconsin to want all dogs to be put on shorter leashes aren't going to come all the way to Washington, D.C., to tell them. But, boy, they will go down to City Hall and say, "By God, mayor, we need to take those leashes down another two inches." That happens, so you get a lot more people participating at the local level than you do at the federal level.