

With the best of intentions,

some are calling for an Article V Constitutional Convention with the purpose of passing amendments to our U.S. Constitution in order to reign in federal power. They claim the states would control the entire process including choosing the delegates, the amendments proposed, and any other matters concerning the convention.

But Article V of the Constitution states clearly the two ways to amend the Constitution:

1. **Congress** proposes amendments and presents them to the States for ratification; *or*
2. When 2/3 of the States apply for it, **Congress** calls a convention to propose amendments.

**Our Constitution is clear:
States may apply to Congress to call a convention but... beyond that the role of the states is not defined.**

The Convention of States is not solely the intention of well-meaning conservative patriots.

Those also supporting a convention include George Soros, Richard Parker, former member of students for a Democratic Society, and Harvard Professor Lawrence Lessig, an Obama supporter and guest of the 2013 Bilderberger meeting, who said, "Perhaps it is time to rewrite our Constitution."

A visit to the website, ***MoveToAmend.org***, reveals hundreds of leftist organizations supporting the Article V Convention with their own amendments designed to destroy our Bill of Rights.

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

Enforce the Constitution, don't change it.

We often hear the argument from those in favor of an Article V Constitutional Convention that "everything is so bad we have to do something."

They insist that an Article V Convention is the only way to restore the balance of federalism in our republic.

But, just like Dorothy of Oz always had the power to go home by clicking her heels, our states have always had the power through the 10th Amendment to "just say no" to federal overreach. The drafters of the constitution intended this to be the FIRST rightful remedy against a powerful central government. This power is still available to our states making an Article V convention unnecessary.

Rather than risking our beloved Constitution with a convention called by Congress, we suggest:

Like minded states have their own convention to discuss how to use their current powers to push back against the federal government. This can be done anytime without involving Congress. Joining together in actions is more powerful than when just one state tries to push back on their own.

State legislatures to review ALL federal grants being made available to state institutions for the need AND constitutionality and to reject federal grants as the constitution allows them to.

Amend state constitutions to empower the state to pass referendums, bills, or other legal means to end cooperation with unconstitutional federal acts, regulations and laws.

Educate citizens and state representatives on the limited powers of the federal government in our constitution and Insist that federal representatives cut government spending by defunding and/or eliminating all unconstitutional agencies.

When necessary, **Amend the Constitution** using the much safer route followed for all of the amendments proposed and ratified in American history thus far that calls for both houses of Congress to pass amendments by a two-thirds vote, and refer those amendments to the states for passage by a three-fourths majority.

THE ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF STATES



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Don't Change it.... Restore and Preserve It!

Changing the name to "Convention of States" (COS)

does not change what it is. It is still an Article V convention **called by Congress**. States may convene all they wish; but they have no control over the convention.

The Congressional Research Service's (CRS) April 2014 report confirms that Congress makes the rules to set up the convention.

Control of the convention is in the hands of the very Congress guilty of overreach in the first place!

Mark Meckler, of the COS project, admitted that they won't be able to control the process when he stated "their rules were not meant to bind the future convention. Rather, they provide starting points to facilitate."

Congress is in complete control of setting up the convention, AND using Robert's Rules of Order, once convened, the rules of the convention can be discarded and replaced during the very first vote.

A Convention cannot be Limited

Former Chief Justice Warren Burger stated "I have also repeatedly given my opinion that there is no effective way to limit or muzzle the actions of a Constitutional Convention.After a Convention is convened, it will be too late to stop the convention if we don't like its agenda..."

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convention is safe because 3/4 of the states would have to ratify amendments to our Constitution. Can we take comfort in this requirement considering 46 state governors agreed to Common Core national standards and the 46 state legislatures have failed to completely revoke this agreement?

How will Delegates be chosen?

We don't know. Will there be one vote per state like the original Constitutional Convention? Can you imagine California or New York putting up with that? If delegates are based on population the large liberal states will control the convention. And don't forget recent experiences at Republican and Democrat Conventions. He who has the gavel makes the rules.

The grave danger is the power of the delegates once the convention convenes to propose a new Constitution with a DIFFERENT METHOD OF RATIFICATION.

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does not exist. They ignore the precedent set by the delegates to the 1787 convention when they disregarded their instructions! Rather than simply revising the Articles of Confederation with amendments, which required all thirteen states to ratify, they replaced it with an entirely new Constitution which required only nine States to ratify.

Fortunately for our nation, these men were well-intentioned patriots who gave us the best constitution the world has known. Are we willing to risk our constitution with a convention today?

Could we depend on the states' delegates to reign in federal overreach with a Balanced Budget Amendment?

There are only two ways to balance a budget: 1) cut spending or 2) raise taxes.

Supporters of the Balanced Budget Amendment admit a BBA Article V Convention will raise your taxes, NOT cut spending.

Fritz Pettyjohn, Co-Founder of the Balanced Budget Amendment Task Force stated in 2014 "They [congress] probably will raise our taxes [to balance the budget], but there's nothing wrong with that."

Most say they aren't willing to support a measure that would result in taxes being raised.

Much of the national debt can be attributed to unconstitutional federal agencies that extend grants to the states. Since the states have willingly accepted the federal grants for many decades we believe this has made them a willing accomplice to the unconstitutional federal overreach of powers.

Some states depend on federal grants for up to 45% of their entire budgets!

What are the chances the delegates chosen by the state legislatures will go to a convention and demand changes to federal spending that will reduce or eliminate this state revenue? Legislators, conservative or not, will not vote NOW to reject federal funds and mandates. Do you think they will go to a Convention of States and vote to cut their own state budgets by 25%? Many believe this is why a Balanced Budget Amendment won't work.