

A “Con Con” is the wrong tool to fix government.

So---What's the Remedy?

- ◆ Educate citizens, candidates, and lawmakers on tenets of the constitution.
- ◆ Hold lawmakers accountable; demand compliance with Constitution.
- ◆ Stay within the constitutionally enumerated powers.
- ◆ Uphold oath to defend Constitution.
- ◆ Steadily phase-out unconstitutional programs, spending, and power.
- ◆ Nullify: legal process whereby state/local officials refuse to uphold unconstitutional federal laws.

TAKE ACTION:

Contact your state legislators, urging them to OPPOSE all Article V Constitutional Convention (“Con Con”) applications. Do NOT put our Constitution at Risk!

Opinions of Those in the Know

1. James Madison, father of the Constitution, wrote that the purpose of amendments is to repair “discovered faults” or “errors” in the Constitution. Federalist No. 43 at 8.
2. Late Justice Antonin Scalia stated in 2015, “A Constitutional Convention is a horrible idea.”
3. “Having witnessed the difficulties and

dangers experienced by the first Convention ... I should tremble for the result of a Second... The most violent partisans... and individuals of insidious views...” would strive to be delegates and might have “a dangerous opportunity of sapping the very foundations of the fabric” of our Country. -James Madison, letter to Turberville, Nov. 2, 1788.

4. “... wholesale changes to our Constitution and Bill of Rights...” -Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, the *Miami Herald*, Sept. 14, 1984
5. “...A new Convention could plunge our Nation into constitutional confusion and confrontation at every turn...” -Former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger, 1988

Endnotes:

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The U.S. Constitution is Not the Problem!

Do NOT Be Deceived!

**Constitutional Convention, Article V Convention, Convention of States, Amendments Convention or a Con Con: Different names, but same concept.
All claiming to fall under Article V of the U. S. Constitution.**

What is a CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION?

A duly constituted assembly of delegates or representatives of the people of a state or nation for the purpose of framing, revising, or amending its constitution. (thelawdictionary.org/constitutional-convention)

A Modern Day “Con Con” - High Risk for our Constitution!

- A. Dangerous, risky time to proceed with a “Con Con”: fierce national division, authoritarian interest groups, widespread protests, media frenzy.
- B. Would delegate apportionment be "one state, one vote" or, according to the Electoral College model, grant South Dakota ONLY THREE delegates and California 55?
- C. Who would select delegates? Would they represent your views?
- D. Once a “Con Con” is summoned, delegates are the people’s sovereign representatives and can set their own rules or propose a new constitution as was done in 1787. These delegates are not accountable to state legislatures or state laws.

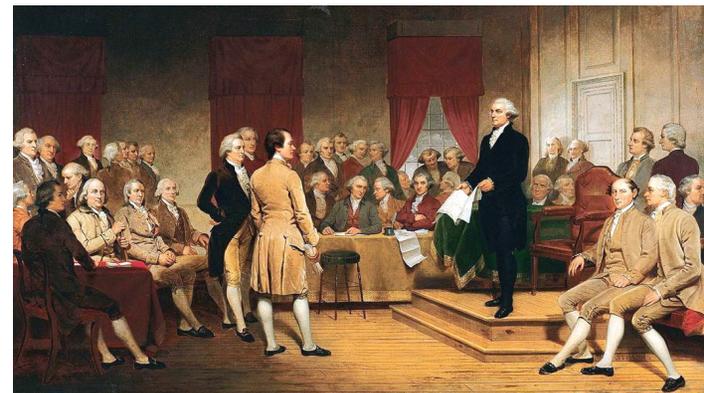
- E. Ratification by 38 states is a FALSE “safeguard” against a bad amendment. Delegates or Congress could call for ratification by *selected* delegates at a state convention rather than in state legislatures, i.e., 21st Amendment, as was done in 1787.
- F. States have ratified bad amendments – 16th, 17th, 18th.
- G. Delegates could weaken the ratification threshold of 2/3 (as was done in 1787) or change it to a mere majority.

Do we REALLY want to go down THIS ROAD?

Current DISTURBING SUGGESTIONS for amendments using “Con Con”:

- ◆ Abolish Electoral College, rendering lesser-populated states (like South Dakota) powerless.¹
- ◆ Revise or Repeal Second Amendment, restricting gun ownership to militia only.^{2,3}
- ◆ Alter the First Amendment, recommended by a U.S. senator.⁴
- ◆ Solidify taxpayer-funded "abortion rights" into the Constitution with Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). ERA was within three votes of ratification in the 1970s.⁵

- ◆ Replace the current Constitution with one of several versions waiting in the wings.⁶
- ◆ Change structure of our form of government (Articles 1, 2, and 3) per Convention of States staff attorney, Rob Kelly ([youtube.com/watch?v=kCApyUYvuRE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCApyUYvuRE)).⁷



The Constitution is not the Problem!

*The Constitution already limits the power and jurisdiction of the federal government.
The Constitution just needs to be obeyed!*

Our U.S. Constitution: A Brilliant Document

- ◆ Longest surviving constitution of any nation – over 200 years.
- ◆ George Washington called it “a miracle.”
- ◆ “The most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man.” -Former British Prime Minister, William Gladstone

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