



Talking Points Opposing an Article V Convention/Convention of States

1. The Constitution is not the problem. The problem is that the federal and State governments have ignored the Constitution and the People are ignorant of what it says. The Constitution needs to be understood, defended and enforced—not amended or rewritten.
2. COS claims we need to amend the Constitution to restore its original intent. Again, the Constitution is not the problem, it is the Supreme Court who violates it.
3. Amendments do not rein in governments predisposed to usurp. The “free exercise” clause of the First Amendment did not prevent the federal courts from banning prayers in the public schools; the Second Amendment did not stop them from infringing on gun ownership, etc.
4. Our framers told us how to rein in a federal government that usurps powers not delegated, and it did not include an Article V convention!
5. Why would politicians and the courts comply with an amended Constitution when they ignore the one we have now?
6. State Legislators cannot control their delegates or limit the subject matter of a convention. The only power they have under Article V of the Constitution is to ask Congress to call a convention.
7. Delegates to an Article V convention would have the inherent right, as expressed in the Declaration of Independence, to propose whatever changes to our Constitution the delegates want, including abolishing our “Form of Government” and rewriting or replacing our Constitution. Once the convention is called, it will be too late to stop it, (i.e. a runaway convention), and we don’t have any George Washingtons, James Madisons, or Alexander Hamiltons to protect us.

In summary, the Article V Convention of States is a dangerous and uncontrollable process that would put America’s constitutional rights up for grabs.

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