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CONVENTION of STATES ACTION

Resolving Mistaken Opposition to our Constitution's Article V Convention Process:

<p>An Article V Convention of States is not a “constitutional convention.” It → cannot frame, revise, or amend our Constitution. Its only power is to propose amendments to our current Constitution, which must fit the scope of the state applications and then must be ratified by 38 states, by law.</p>	 1
<p>2</p> 	<p>← Some liberal & conservative groups claim the absence of procedural guidance in Article V means the rules governing a Convention of States, like One State/One Vote, are uncertain at best or would be controlled by Congress at worst. Yet, the Constitution also mentions trial by jury, the writ of habeas corpus, bills of attainder, etc., without providing any instruction on these procedures either. Clearly, the Framers expected established definitions, legal procedures and historical precedent to be understood and followed.</p>
<p>Some well-meaning patriots from both liberal and conservative groups → claim the Framers never intended amendments to be used to address problems with the federal government. However well-meaning they may be, they are clearly mistaken. (Video)</p>	 3
<p>4</p> 	<p>← Some who oppose COS reveal they honestly don't know why when they simultaneously claim they're concerned a convention would do too much, while also fretting it might not do enough. They say, “If DC doesn't follow the Constitution now, why would they follow an amendment?” This perspective ignores the historical effect of the clarifying language amendments provide.</p>
<p>Article V of the Constitution was put in place by our Framers as a check → and balance. It is not about Republican or Democrat, nor is it about conservative or liberal. This provision of our Constitution is meant to address the most pertinent issue of who decides what our policy should be.</p>	 5
<p>6</p> 	<p>← Some skeptics of Article V specialize in asking questions they assume can't be answered. Most common questions about an Article V Convention of States are addressed by the Article V Information Center, a project to provide historical & legal information about the amendment process.</p>

<p>Some oppose an Article V COS, claiming our Constitution wasn't adopted → legitimately in 1787 due to a "runaway convention." They irrationally fear this imagined precedent and, without critical examination of such a faulty premise, state legislators who agree with this position undermine their very oath of office to support and defend a "runaway" Constitution. (Video)</p>	 <p>7</p>
<p>8</p> 	<p>← The above video, based on research presented in the peer-reviewed Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy, explains the truth of what happened in 1787 and exposes the baseless contradiction of those claiming to defend a Constitution they assert to have illegitimate origins.</p>
<p>Those overcome with a sense of our nation's "insurmountable division" → have forgotten about the federalism the Framers gave us. Citizens of our varied states have always differed in our cultures, values, and traditions because we live on different landscapes, hold different ideologies & pursue different priorities. Federalism is the only healthy form of government here because it prevents any one faction, even a majority, from broadly imposing its will on another. Federalism is the strength & unity of "E Pluribus Unum."</p>	 <p>9</p>
<p>10</p> 	<p>← Some members our State Legislatures are on the same side of this issue as George Soros-funded Common Cause, which has assembled 250 organizations to oppose an Article V Convention of States for proposing amendments that limit federal imposition on states trying to maintain their own cultural values.</p>
<p>Those opposing federalism, subsidized significantly by these groups that → are very effective at manipulating narratives to achieve their goals, have engaged in a disinformation campaign about Article V of our Constitution for decades, which many in State Legislatures have swallowed whole.</p>	 <p>11</p>
<p>12</p> 	<p>← Dark money sources with deep pockets fuel the disinformation campaign, persuading citizens and politicians that trusting, following, and using Article V of our Constitution is <i>somehow</i> undermining, violating and sabotaging our Constitution. (Video)</p>
<p>David Horowitz, widely considered to be today's premier scholar and → expert on the history, tactics, and propaganda of those opposing federalism, asserts Soros is laughing while misinformed State Legislators claim they're "saving the Constitution from being rewritten" by opposing COS.</p>	 <p>13</p>
<p>14</p> 	<p>← Some citizen groups have argued Article VI of the Constitution and the 10th Amendment allow individual states to "nullify" any federal law they consider unconstitutional, but the only real provision for ensuring the preservation of a state's culture, values and traditions is found in Article V.</p>
<p>For decades, the John Birch Society has opposed trusting, following and → using our Constitution's provision in Article V allowing the states to press for protecting what's important to them—the hallmark of federalism. Their advocate Robert Brown exemplifies the axiom spoken long ago by one of our Framers... "It is much easier to alarm people than to inform them."</p>	 <p>15</p>