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

<p>An <a href="#">Article V Convention of States</a> is not a “<a href="#">constitutional convention</a>.” It → cannot frame, revise, or amend our Constitution. <a href="#">Its only power is to propose amendments to our current Constitution</a>, which must fit the scope of the state applications and then must be ratified by 38 states, <a href="#">by law</a>.</p>	 <p>1</p>
<p>2</p> 	<p>← Some <a href="#">liberal &amp; conservative groups</a> claim the absence of procedural guidance in Article V means <a href="#">the rules governing a Convention of States</a>, like <a href="#">One State/One Vote</a>, 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 <a href="#">established definitions, legal procedures and historical precedent</a> 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 <a href="#">to address problems</a> with the <a href="#">federal government</a>. However well-meaning they may be, they are <a href="#">clearly</a> mistaken. (<a href="#">Video</a>)</p>	 <p>3</p>
<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 <a href="#">the historical effect of the clarifying language amendments provide</a>.</p>
<p>Highlighting the clear limits of an Article V convention, Charles J. Cooper, → a long-time constitutional law attorney for the National Rifle Association, outlines why <a href="#">an Article V Convention of States poses no threat to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment right to keep and bear arms</a>.</p>	 <p>5</p>
<p>6</p> 	<p>← Some <a href="#">skeptics of Article V specialize in asking questions</a> they assume can't be answered. <a href="#">Most common questions</a> about an Article V Convention of States are addressed by the <a href="#">Article V Information Center</a>, a project to provide historical &amp; 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, <a href="#">without critical examination</a> 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. (<a href="#">Video</a>)</p>	 <p>7</p>
<p>8</p> 	<p>← The above video, based on research presented in the peer-reviewed <a href="#">Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy</a>, 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>Momentum for an Article V Convention of States is building. In 2022, → 4 additional states passed the COS resolution, bringing our total to 19 of the 34 necessary. With endorsements like those of <a href="#">Governor Ron DeSantis</a>, <a href="#">Tucker Carlson</a>, <a href="#">Mark Levin</a>, <a href="#">Project Veritas founder James O'Keefe</a>, <a href="#">US Representative Chip Roy</a>, <a href="#">US Senator Rand Paul</a>, <a href="#">Rick Green</a>, <a href="#">Ben Shapiro</a>, <a href="#">Lt. Col. Allen West</a>, <a href="#">David Barton</a>, <a href="#">former US Senator Rick Santorum</a>, and <a href="#">economist Thomas Sowell</a>, support for our movement is surging.</p>	 <p>9</p>
<p>10</p> 	<p>← Some "conservatives" in our State Legislatures are on the same side of this issue as George Soros-funded <a href="#">Common Cause</a>, which has assembled <a href="#">250 leftist organizations</a> to <a href="#">oppose an Article V Convention of States</a> for proposing amendments limiting federal spending, power, jurisdiction and terms of office.</p>
<p>The liberal establishment, subsidized significantly by these groups that → are very effective at manipulating narratives to achieve their goals, has <a href="#">engaged in a disinformation campaign</a> about Article V of our Constitution for decades, which the conservative establishment has swallowed whole.</p>	 <p>11</p>
<p>12</p> 	<p>← Dark money sources with deep pockets fuel the disinformation campaign, persuading conservative groups and politicians that trusting, following, and using Article V of our Constitution is <i>somehow</i> undermining, violating and sabotaging our Constitution. (<a href="#">Video</a>)</p>
<p><a href="#">David Horowitz</a>, widely considered to be today's premier scholar and → expert on the history, tactics, propaganda &amp; operation of the American left, asserts Soros is laughing while misinformed conservatives claim they're "saving the Constitution from being rewritten" by opposing COS.</p>	 <p>13</p>
<p>14</p> 	<p>← Some conservative groups have argued Article VI of the Constitution and the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment allow individual states to "nullify" any federal law they consider unconstitutional, but <a href="#">the only real provision for nullification by the states is found in Article V</a>.</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 propose limitations to federal power, jurisdiction, spending and terms of office. <a href="#">Their advocate Robert Brown</a> 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>