COS Questions:

- 1. The website Q&A assures its readers "It is not a constitutional convention". Yet our Decl of Independence proclaims that the People have the right at any time to gather in convention to throw off government and create a new one. In fact the facts of history tell us that's what happened in 1787. The States sent delegates to the Philadelphia Convention merely to revise the Articles of Confederation, but they ended up creating an entirely new constitution. AND with different rules for ratification than what the Articles required! Why do the supports of COS dismiss these cherished fundamental truths as "fear mongering"?
- 2.The website Q&A declares "A convention of states is a convention <u>called by the state legislatures"</u>. That's not true. Article V doesn't say anything about a "convention of states", or that state legislatures call a convention. It says "<u>Congress</u> shall call a convention" "on the <u>Application</u> of 2/3 of the several States". And Article 1 Section 8 last clause gives Congress the power to make the rules. **Should we trust people who are so careless with words of such import?**
- 3. I read Greg Abbott's 100-page *Texas Plan*. He proposes an amendment to "Give state officials the power to sue in federal court when federal officials overstep their bounds". Yet Jefferson said "Nullification is the rightful remedy" and Madison said "nullification is a natural right". Why do COS supporters hide the truth that States ALREADY have the power to resist unconstitutional acts of the federal government?

https://tenthamendmentcenter.com/2015/05/16/nullification-made-easy/v

4. On July 6, 2017 (Part 2 at 37:00), Mark Meckler was heard on Red Eye Radio answering a caller's question: "Once the amendments are proposed and ratified, how are they actually implemented?" In response, Meckler said, "[The amendments] just automatically become part of the Constitution...part of the structure of governance in America...and that means that government then has to begin operating according to those amendments in the same way that they do with the rest of the Constitution."

Meckler continued, "And functionally, ultimately that means government will shrink, they will have the authority to do less. And if they fail to follow those amendments, then obviously, there is litigation that ensues up to the federal courts and ultimately up to the Supreme Court, if necessary."

But wait! COS has contended for years that the Constitution needs to be amended precisely *because of* decisions by <u>activist judges</u> who have <u>undermined the original intent</u> of the Constitution and allowed the federal government to usurp powers not delegated to them by our Constitution. In other words, Meckler brushes off the question with a circular argument.

This is as bad as Nancy Pelosi casually saying "we have to pass the bill to see what's in it". Is he that self-deceived? Or is walking circles around a hidden agenda?

- 5. The website Q&A says their so-called convention of States cannot throw out the Constitution because its authority is derived from the Constitution. That's like saying "Congress cannot get us into a 27 billion debt because it has Constitutional authority to "borrow money on the credit of the United States". Why do COS proponents hide the reality that for the last 50 years globalists and communists have been planning to replace our Constitution and only need one thing to do so an Article V Convention:
 - Communist Sympathizer Mag "The Nation" Backs Convention of States The New American
 - Ford and Rockefeller Foundation's Constitution for the Newstates of America, produced 50 years ago, replaces our States with new "regions";
 - The Communist Party USA's Constitution for the New Socialist Republic in America;
 - o George Soros' Constitution 2020 movement.
 - Globalists like the CFR's Task Force Report on the NAU (North American Union).

Even though our Constitution is not being enforced, it still declares this Federal government lawless. The rule of law is still on our side. But not for long if we foolishly weaken it with deceptively named amendments, or allow our Constitution to be replaced.

Why I believe an "Article V Convention" is a Dangerous Undertaking that could Lead to the Ultimate Destruction of the Constitution and our Federal Republic

Article V:

The Congress, whenever two thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution, or, on the application of the legislatures of two thirds of the several states, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments, which, in either Case, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, as Part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other Mode of Ratification may be proposed by the Congress...

Reason #1 – To assert that you can rein in a federal government which ignores the Constitution, by amending the Constitution, is irrational. Frankly I find it insulting that those who propose this think we are too dumb to notice that. They want us lost in the weeds so we don't see the big picture.

Reason #2 - Who would be in charge?

- There is nothing in Article V about a "Convention of States", only that the States can apply to have Congress call a convention for which Congress chooses the mode of ratification. There are two houses of Congress – will they agree on what that means or how to do it? On what the rules are and who the delegates will be? This has never been done before. You don't think Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Shumer would say it means Congress is in charge of everything? You think they would compliantly give up that interpretation?
 - There are 34 States involved. Will they all agree? What compromises and Hegelian Dialectics will be involved?

Reason #3 - The Constitution is not the problem; deceitful people who ignore it are the problem.

- Our Constitution already limits the federal government to a short list of only 18 powers in Article 1 Section 8 and a few elsewhere; and the 10th Amendment reserves all other powers to the "States respectively, or to the people".
- Our Constitution already limits Congress' spending to only that short list that they can lay
- It already gives the people the power to limit the terms of office by voting them out. A more pressing need is to get rid of electronic voting machines! https://lindelltv.com/

Reason #4 – It opens the door for socialist, globalist, communist influence in our Constitution.

- Already the Constitutional Convention Conference at Harvard Law School in 2011 was cohosted by radical leftist Lawrence Lessig, a Harvard Law School professor https://thefederalistpapers.org/opinion/leftist-harvard-professor-sues-new-york-timesclickbait-defamation-jeffrey-epstein-story
- Whether chosen by Congress, the State Legislatures, or the people by popular election is no guarantee any of these groups will select delegates wisely. Nor can anyone guarantee that the delegates selected won't be threatened, bribed, blackmailed.

Reason #5 – Despite their assurances to the contrary, an Article 5 Convention would be o control, just like our convention of 1787 delegates ignored their instructions from the St

- Justice Warren Berger "there is no effective way to limit or muzzle the actions of a Convention".
- Even the pro-Article V people admit that "some constitutional scholars believe that even in a so-called limited COS, nothing ... will prevent amendments being proposed and voted upon that are outside the limitations stated in COS applications."
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Reason #6. Amendments that have been considered actually *constitutionalize powers which our Constitution currently does not give*. For example, a balanced budget amendment would allow Congress to spend according to *the budget*, instead of limiting it to *the enumerated powers*.

Reason #7 - List of those who would be thrilled to have an Article V Convention:

- The Nation magazine <u>Communist Sympathizer Mag "The Nation" Backs Convention of States</u>
 The New American
- Nefarious entities who chomping at the bit to actually *replace* our Constitution with a new one which *can only be done through a convention*:
 - Ford and Rockefeller Foundation's Constitution for the Newstates of America, produced 50 years ago, replaces our States with new "regions";
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Reason #8 - List of those who warn against an Article V Convention:

- James Madison "I tremble at the prospect...the most violent of partisans and individuals would strive to be delegates and would have a dangerous opportunity"
- Justice Scalia, "It is a 'horrible idea' to hold an Article V convention"; former Supreme Court
- Plyllis Schlafley and Eagle Forum
- · Gun Owners of America
- Concerned Women for America
- John Birch Society who here exposes the COS lie that "alterations to the 2nd amendment cannot be on the table" https://youtu.be/WwgIV3WL5XE
- At least 17 States who later rescinded their original applications, including North and South Carolina.

One hour of listening to Publius Huldah's presentation in Asheville in 2015 A Look at the Folly of a Constitutional Convention - YouTube will equip you to save much wasted time in the future fretting about the issue. You'll GET it.

So what *can* we do about the dysfunctions in our federal government? Elect patriot people with the backbone to nullify and downsize the federal government to its enumerated powers and return the usurped powers to the States or the People. At the same time promote Constitution study groups all across the nation.