



5 MYTHS ABOUT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION

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AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION IS A “CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.”

An Article V convention is not the same kind of convention that produced our Constitution in 1787. The states gathered in 1787 according to their ability to act independently. An Article V convention derives authority from Article V, and so it’s limited to proposing amendments to the current Constitution.

WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION WOULD OPERATE.

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The states have met in conventions at least 39 times; the basic procedures are always the same. For instance, each state gets one vote. The Framers didn’t spell out the details because the process was familiar—just as they didn’t define “grand jury.”



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3]***THE TOPIC OF AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION CANNOT BE LIMITED.***

Throughout the history of interstate conventions, the states have always agreed upon an agenda in advance—and stuck to it. The reason we have not yet had an Article V convention is because 34 states have never applied for one on the same topic.

CONGRESS WOULD CONTROL AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION.**4]**

The whole reason the Founders included the convention method for proposing amendments was to enable the states to bypass Congress. Article V only gives Congress two powers: to issue the formal call (setting the date and location), and to choose between two methods of state ratification. A federal court has ruled that Congress cannot use any of its other powers when acting in relation to Article V.

5]***THE ARTICLE V CONVENTION PROCESS HAS NO SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT OUR CONSTITUTION FROM ROGUE DELEGATES OR BIG-MONEY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS.***

Delegates to an Article V convention act as legal agents of their state legislatures. Their authority is strictly limited by written instructions, and any actions taken outside the scope of that authority would be void. Additionally, 38 states must ratify any proposed amendments. That is an extremely high bar!

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