

KeyNotes



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Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their Joint Committee requested me “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner in

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which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

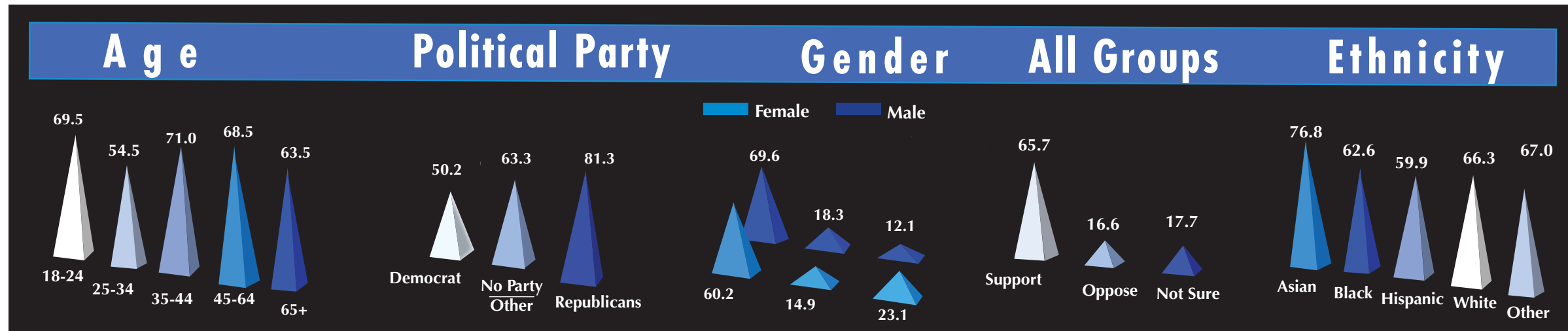
And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the People, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shown kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and Us—and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

*Given under my hand at the City of New York
the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.*

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“An Elective Despotism Was Not The Government We Fought For; but one in which the powers of government should be divided and balanced among the several bodies of magistracy as that no one could transcend their legal limits without being effectually checked and restrained by the others.”

James Madison 178- Federalist No.58



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Convention of States Action partnered with The Trafalgar Group to poll four different groups: **Political Parties** • **Age Groups** • **Ethnicities** • **Gender** • **All Groups** to provide a summary of opinions supporting a **Convention of States** and proposed **Constitutional Amendments**.

The question posed was, “Would you support a **Convention of States and proposed Constitutional Amendments focusing on term limits for Congress and Federal officials, Federal spending restraints, and limiting the Federal government to its constitutionally mandated authority?**”

The national survey results were conducted from July 7th through July 10th of over 1,000 likely 2022 voters.

Across all groups, there was much support for a **Convention of States with proposed Amendments**. This survey should encourage all of us to continue to inform, educate and advocate for a **Convention of States**.

Glenda Hardey

The Freedom of a Dedicated **NATION**

One day of the year we honor and reflect on the **American** veteran. Honor can best be bestowed upon the veteran by our effort to continue their work and sacrifice in whatever capacity we have been given.

The very existence of America is a miracle of God. We honor the veteran by mirroring their service. We also honor God to whom our country was dedicated even before its establishment. In 1607 the Jamestown settlers planted a cross on the shore of the new land and made this covenant dedication:

“We do hereby dedicate this Land, and ourselves, to reach the People within these shores with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to raise up Godly generations after us, and with these generations take the Kingdom of God to all the earth. May this Covenant of Dedication remain to all generations, as long as this earth remains... May all who see this cross remember what we have done here, and may those who come here to inhabit join us in this Covenant...”

In confirmation of the Jamestown Dedication, thirteen years later those aboard the **Mayflower** made a compact which states, “Having undertaken, for the Glory of God, and advancements of the Christian faith and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia...”

Many years later, the United States of America was established by God through the blood, lives and treasure of the first Americans on the battlefield and at the

home front. Rising up against their oppressors, they were granted victory. We were given a land of **freedom, peace, prosperity and protection** through the wisdom of governing principles.

Since that time, many Americans have become veterans of many wars and conflicts and of guarding our nation. Now America has an enemy unlike any that it has ever faced. This one wears a thin patriotic disguise and occupies high places in our government and other influential positions. *It is a greater threat to America than any in the past and requires the mass self-deployment of true patriots that will take their stand in whatever capacity they are capable.* Just as our veterans have paid the price for the freedom that is a hallmark of our nation, those of us who have enjoyed this freedom must also pay a price to regain and maintain it.

As a nation, we have yet to be faithful to the **Covenant of Dedication** that marked the beginning of a noble heritage. The maintenance that freedom requires has been neglected, and our blessings have been taken for granted. We have veered off course and are sailing back to a land of bondage, turmoil, poverty and danger, having forsaken the heritage with which we were entrusted. May God allow us to correct our course and land once again on our own Jamestown beach with renewed vigor to carry forward the charge given to every American. We can all be called veterans in that we serve to preserve the ideals and principles that have made America a light to the world.

Danny Bolden

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Save the Nation

*O*ne of my favorite statements from the Founding Fathers was by *Thomas Jefferson*:

“We in America do not have government by the majority—we have government by the majority who participate... All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent.”

As a citizen, it’s your responsibility to be engaged. Do not remain silent. Get involved.

Many of us have sat on the sidelines, hoping someone else would step up. If we are going to restore America, it will require every American. If we are going to stop the taking of our rights, we must stand together!

Doing nothing gives us a predictable ending.

I am asking for the citizens of Louisiana to take a stand. I am asking the citizens of Louisiana to raise their voices to be heard across every county in this state.

-Step up Louisiana!

Follow the link below to view the original blog on the COS website.

<https://conventionofstates.com/news/j>

Louisiana Strategy Meeting



Louisiana Strategy meeting in Baton Rouge October 29th

Leadership and Volunteers met in Baton Rouge October 28 and 29 to plan strategies for maximum effectiveness for Convention of States Louisiana in 2023.

Friday, volunteers arrived from all over the state to enjoy a meal together. Saturday, we met to begin discussing how we might set achievable goals for the new year.

- ◆ *Have a clear vision for your district*
- ◆ *Strengthen your volunteer activists.*
- ◆ *Have regular meetings.*
- ◆ *Recruit new volunteer activists.*

Legislative Liaison Dale Clary discussed a new effort to contact all our legislators in the coming year. *Communications Coordinator Bethany Coker* presented a report on her team, and *Julie Sandifer* presented the grassroots report in the absence of State Grassroots Coordinator, *Kathryn Slavich*.

DC John O'Dell reported on the progress that has been made this year with district and regional meetings. *DCs Jeanine Gautreaux* and *Susan Scott Ooms* shared their strategies for reinforcing successful activism within their districts and talked about how important team building is. All three, John, Jeanine and Susan, were awarded *Patriot pins* for their tremendous efforts and dedication. *Regional Captain JC Harmon* and DC EJ Miller were recognized for completing all the courses in COSU. Julie talked about the PATH to get from where we are today to where we want to be

next year, through participation and activism. *She presented four potential state goals in the areas of Grassroots, Legislative, DC Team Building, and Outreach.*

After lunch we divided into three groups for break-out sessions. Armed with an outline and some first steps, we were able to generate clear paths to achievable growth in 2023.

After the break-out sessions, we had a conference call with **Mark Meckler, RD Brenda Karlin** set up a video call with him and he shared updates with us on the general growth of the COS movement. He talked about how in its beginning, **Convention of States** was intended simply to assemble as many Americans as possible, intent on preserving liberty for ourselves and our posterity. He reiterated that our organization is open to all. We have no restrictions on religious beliefs and genuinely invite Americans from every walk of life to join us in our quest to preserve and restore this great nation.

After that, we shared our PATH from HERE to THERE. Each of the three break-out groups presented the path as they had projected it. These goals and objectives will help to solidify similar paths across our state, helping to direct our state in the restoration of constitutional values and protections for all Americans.

We hope to see tremendous growth in our movement over the year 2023.

God bless you, Dave



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