

States should rescind their applications asking Congress to call an Article V convention: the applications were induced by a fake quote, & the convention is dangerous!

1. The Convention of States Project's (COSP's) claim that an Art. V convention is the remedy our Framers gave us to rein in the federal government when it violates the Constitution, is *absurd* as well as *false*.

The claim is *absurd* because our Constitution already limits the federal gov't to a handful of powers (see [Chart](#)). So when the feds violate the Constitution, *they are ignoring the existing limits* on their powers.

The claim is *false* because Mason never said it. Mason was a Delegate to the federal convention of 1787 where our Constitution was drafted. The Framers agreed that the purpose of amendments is *to correct defects* in the Constitution.¹ James Madison's Journal of the Federal Convention shows that on [June 11, 1787](#), Mason said:

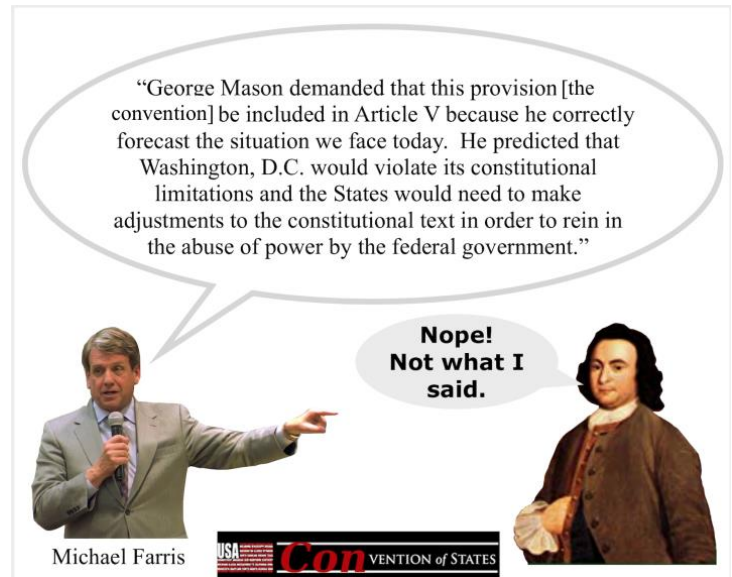
The Constitution now being formed “will certainly be defective,” as the Articles of Confederation have been found to be. **“Amendments therefore will be necessary,** and it will be better to provide for them, in an easy, regular and Constitutional way ... It would be improper to require the consent of the Natl. Legislature, because they may abuse their power, and refuse their consent...The opportunity for such an abuse, may be **the fault of the Constitution [a defect] calling for amendmt.”**

So Mason's concern was that Congress might not agree to amendments needed to fix *defects* in the Constitution. He said Art. V should provide for a convention so the People could get the amendments to fix the defects.²

But **Mason & other Antifederalists wanted another convention for a very different reason: They hated our Constitution & wanted another convention so they could get rid of it.** On [Aug. 31, 1787](#), **Mason** declared:

“that he would sooner chop off his right hand than put it to the Constitution as it now stands” and if it weren't changed, he wanted “to bring the whole subject before another general Convention.”

Our Framers all knew that to get a new Constitution, a convention is needed!³ And since a People always have the right to meet in convention to “alter or abolish” their gov't & set up a new one, the convention method was added; but Madison, Hamilton & John Jay started promptly warning against it (see [Delegate Flyer](#)).



¹ See [What the Framers really said about the purpose of amendments to our Constitution](#).

² See [The George Mason Fabrication](#) at Point 5.

³ **Randolph** wanted the States to be able to propose amendments to the new Constitution, & then all would be decided by *another* general convention: [Aug. 31](#), [Sep. 10](#), & [Sep. 15](#), 1787. **Gerry's** objections were such that “the best that could be done...was to provide for a second general Convention”: [Sep. 15](#), 1787.

Soon after our Constitution was ratified, **Patrick Henry** filed in Va. Legis. a Resolution asking Congress to call an Art. V convention. Madison's letter to [Randolph of Nov 2, 1788](#) (pp 294-297) speaks of Henry's "enmity" "agst [against] the whole system" [the new Constitution] & "the destruction of the whole system I take to be still the secret wish of his heart, and the real object of his pursuit."

Today, the enemies of our Constitution want a convention for the same reason: to “alter or abolish” our existing governments by getting a new Constitution which creates a new form of government. **New Constitutions are already written or in the works**: e.g., the [Constitution for the Newstates of America](#), the [Constitution for The New Socialist Republic in North America](#), [George Soros’s progressive Constitution](#), and the [new Constitution globalists need](#) to move the United States into the North American Union.

Accordingly, it is globalists [George Soros](#) & the [Koch Brothers](#) who are financing the push for a convention.⁴ If there is a Convention, will *they bribe Delegates* to get the new Constitution *they want and paid to get*?

2. State Legislatures can’t control the Convention

The only power State Legislatures have is to “**apply**” for a convention. When 2/3 [or 34] of the States apply, Congress “calls” a convention. [This Chart](#) shows who has the power to do what.

No one has power over the Delegates - our [Delegate Flyer](#) shows why. Our [State Flyer](#) shows what happened at the federal convention of 1787 which was called to “amend” our 1st Constitution, the Articles of Confederation.

That’s why James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, 4 US Supreme Court Justices, among others, warned against another convention. **See their dire warnings in their own words in the [Brilliant Men flyer](#).**

3. Why it’s urgent to rescind now

To induce State Legislators to pass applications for a convention, the convention lobby has *falsely* assured them that Delegates can’t do anything except draft the amendment specified in the State’s application.

In reliance on these *false* assurances, 28 States passed applications asking Congress to call a convention to draft a “balanced budget” amendment; 12 States passed COSP’s application for a convention; 5 States passed the Wolf-PAC application; & various States passed other applications throughout the years.⁵

But Congress has the power to count these applications however they want - Congress may aggregate them to get the 34 States needed to call the Convention. **And if Congress calls a Convention, the Delegates will have the power to propose a new Constitution with its own new mode of ratification.** If you think that’s a good idea, read the proposed Constitutions listed above; & note that the Newstates Constitution is ratified *by a national referendum* (Art. XII, §1).

And now, *contrary to what convention salesmen have been telling State legislators*, convention supporters are admitting that Congress may call a convention based on the existing assorted & different “flavors” of applications.⁶ If Congress does this (as they have power to do), we are close to Congress’ calling a convention.

4. The Real Solution

We must dust off our copies of our Declaration of Independence & Constitution, learn them & adhere to them. Downsize the fed gov’t to its enumerated powers. *And rescind all existing applications for a convention.*

⁴ [Kochs fund ALEC](#), which induces Republican Legislators to support the COSP application. But COSP is apparently using [petitions with fake signatures](#), [high-tech fraudulent emails](#), and [misleading polls](#) to make Legislators believe *the grassroots* wants a convention.

⁵ The [Article V Library](#) has an unofficial list of applications already filed.

⁶ E.g., see 1st para of this [white paper](#) of the pro-convention American Constitution Foundation.