

Brilliant men have warned that delegates to a convention can't be controlled:

James Madison, Father of our Constitution, said in his Nov. 2, 1788 letter to [Turberville](#) that he “trembled” at the prospect of a second convention; and that if there were an Art. V Convention:

“the most violent partizans”, and “individuals of insidious views” would strive to be delegates and would have “a dangerous opportunity of sapping the very foundations of the fabric” of our Country.

In [Federalist No. 49](#), Madison warns against a convention to correct breaches of the Constitution. He said, the legislators who caused the problem would get themselves seats at the convention and would be in a position to control the outcome of a convention.

In [Federalist No. 85](#) (last para), Alexander Hamilton said he dreads the consequences of another convention because the enemies of the Constitution want to get rid of it.

Former **US Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg** reminds us in his [Sep. 14, 1986 editorial in The Miami Herald](#) that at the convention of 1787, the delegates *ignored their instructions* from the Continental Congress and instead of proposing amendments to the Articles of Confederation, wrote a new Constitution; and that

“...any attempt at limiting the agenda would almost certainly be unenforceable.”

Former **US Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger** said in his [June 1988 letter to Phyllis Schlafly](#):

“...there is no effective way to limit or muzzle the actions of a Constitutional Convention...”

“After a Convention is convened, it will be too late to stop the Convention if we don't like its agenda...”

“...A new Convention could plunge our Nation into constitutional confusion and confrontation at every turn...”

US Supreme Court Justice Scalia said on [April 17, 2014 at the beginning of this video](#)

“I certainly would not want a Constitutional Convention. I mean whoa! Who knows what would come out of that?”

Convention supporters quote law professor Scalia in 1979, before his 30 years of experience as a Supreme Court Justice, to “prove” otherwise.