The Article V Convention Lobby Shows Its True Colors



If you think you'll be voting on an application for Congress to call a *limited* convention under Article V of the US Constitution, you're mistaken.

The <u>convention lobby</u> has been falsely assuring legislators for a decade that their applications will be counted only with 33 other states' applications that are on the same subject or contain the same or similar

language. Moreover, they've insisted that the convention can't deviate from the subject of those applications; and, therefore, a "runaway" convention is impossible.

But these were false assurances designed to trick legislators into passing their applications. If you knew that the convention lobby wanted a convention called where any and all amendments or a new constitution could be proposed, you wouldn't vote for these applications.

So how do we know their assurances are false?

US Term Limits (USTL) has passed single-subject, term limits applications in only 4 States: FL, AL, MO, & WV.

But if you look at the USTL Progress <u>map</u>, you'll see they claim all the states where the Convention of States Project (COS) passed multi-subject applications—not the single-subject applications USTL promised legislators. COS applications include 3 subjects: "term limits," "fiscal restraints," and "limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal government." The latter subject alone is so broad, it covers "amending" most of the Constitution!

Furthermore, if you click on the gray states of CO, IA, IL, KS, KY, NC, NE, NJ, NY, OH, OR, WA, & WI on this interactive map, you'll see that USTL counts these 13 states that *never* passed congressional term limits applications in *any* form! USTL added the 13 states (light blue) and the COS states (medium blue) to the single-subject states (vivid blue) on the tri-color map above.

USTL is counting applications dating from 1789 through 1907—the purpose of which was to get a Bill of Rights; to directly elect US Senators; to avert the Civil War; or not stated. The

interactive and tri-color maps were deleted from USTL's website after we exposed them at a WV hearing on Mar. 18, 2021, but they were archived <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>, respectively— before WV earned its spot on the map.

Thus, with a mishmash of 28 applications, only 4 of which are on the single subject of term limits, USTL hopes you won't notice what they're up to—so they can claim 28 states toward the requisite 34 to trigger a convention where any and all amendments can be proposed or our Constitution stolen. Whoops! That would now be 27 states, since Colorado rescinded all its previously-passed applications on Apr. 23, 2021.

The Balanced Budget Amendment (BBA) groups are even more brazen—vaulting themselves to 33 states overnight and testing the waters to claim South Carolina as their 34th state, after GA & MS failed to become #34 earlier! Per this <u>chart</u>, they're similarly counting centuries-old applications that have nothing to do with a BBA. Check out <u>IL</u>, <u>KY</u>, <u>NJ</u>, <u>NY</u>, <u>OR</u> & <u>WA</u>.

Our Constitution is getting in the way of the globalist backers of the convention lobby. And the easiest way to impose a new Constitution, short of a hostile takeover, is through an Article V convention.

So, why are they showing their hand now?

We don't have to guess: their <u>strategists have written about it.</u> The lobbying groups have plateaued; legislators have had their fill of the issue; more states are likely to rescind applications; and their scholars are concerned that a limited convention, if called, might be stopped by an originalist Supreme Court if opponents sue.

They say timing is everything: the public is outraged at the corruption and dysfunction in D.C. And proponents need to grab whatever applications they already have and demand that Congress call a convention *now*. And if that fails, they say they'll recruit State Attorneys General to sue Congress for a "*general*" (i.e. not limited) convention.

And they'll be able to use their opponents' arguments in court: nothing in Art. V or elsewhere in the Constitution says that Congress must aggregate applications by subject; and nothing says conventions can be limited to the subject of the application.

After the convention convenes, it will be too late to do anything about the deception that triggered it. But you can effectively push back *before* a convention is called, by rescinding your states' existing applications asking Congress to call a convention under Art. V, and by defeating new applications.

The convention lobby has demonstrated that they don't believe their own talking points. So why should **you**?!