

NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION UPDATE BY LEX-REX IN MARCH 2013

"COMPACT FOR AMERICA" -- (CFA)

The following is a brief recap of the issue which is, without doubt, today's most crucial threat to individual liberty and America's survival as a free and independent nation . . . the matter's gravity cannot be overstated. To those unfamiliar with the history and dangers of an "Article V Constitutional Convention" and with the people, organizations, goals and objectives behind the decades-old pursuit of a Convention, a review of the suggested resources at the conclusion of this article will provide necessary background information to inform and equip to combat, oppose and defeat this threat.

In the late 1980's, a national grassroots battle erupted against a "Con-Con" when it was discovered that the momentous event was, then, just, two states away from a fait accompli. Had a Convention been convened, as planned, a discussion about its implications and consequences would be moot today, because America would no longer be a free Republic. Its precious, God-given Constitution--the peoples' only guarantee of their inalienable rights--would be history. America would be controlled, governed by one of, at least, four new Constitutions, written, ready, and waiting in the wings for a Constitutional Convention. The most likely of the four new constitutions to be installed at a Constitutional Convention would have been the "Newstates Constitution"--written over 25 years (then, in its 35th draft) at the Center for Study of Democratic Institutions in Santa Barbara, California, to the tune of \$25M. With the proverbial "stroke of a pen," the "Newstates Constitution" eliminates the Bill of Rights and all individual inalienable freedoms, substituting *government-granted*--thereby, easily *revoked*--government "privileges." NOTE: The only obstacle standing between the people of America and total tyranny is--and always has been--the Constitution of the United States. And, the only way to get to the document to shred it is--and has always been--an Article V Constitutional Convention. That's why there's *never* been a second Constitutional Convention since the first--and only one--in 1787. That's why in the late 1980's former Chief Justice Warren Burger stated that there is "*no way to limit or muzzle a Convention*," and in January, 2011, Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli added "...It's true that once you assemble a convention that the states have called, they can do anything they want." Eminent Harvard Constitutional Law Professor, Lawrence Tribe, has warned that the only way to guarantee a limited Constitutional Convention is to amend Article V of the U.S. Constitution, first, BEFORE a Con-Con is convened! *Amending Article V, itself, to limit the scope of a Constitutional Convention is the ONLY way to guarantee protection of the Constitution from wholesale revision/destruction/shredding at a Con-Con.* That's why elitist enemies of the Constitution NEVER suggest amending Article V to limit a Convention because a limited Convention precludes achieving their true goal--to dissolve the current U.S. Constitution. Two methods exist under Article V of the U.S. Constitution to change the document: (1) the method by which all existing Amendments have been added since the Constitution was written--the "Congressional Amendment" process, and (2) a "Constitutional Convention" which subjects the entire U.S. Constitution to wholesale revision and ultimate dissolution, depending on the Convention's delegates.

The excuse to amend the Constitution in a Con-Con (instead of via the safe Congressional Amendment process) has always been that "Congress won't pass the Amendment we want; therefore, we have to bypass Congress and convene a Constitutional Convention." Con-Con advocates have lost every battle for a Convention throughout history, but they didn't quit trying; they, simply, devised another strategy to win the next time! In 1988, the defeat--by God's Grace--of a "Con-Con" before the 34 states required by Article V of the Constitution had petitioned Congress for one, only, set the think tanks to work on a new deceptive ploy. In the mid-90's, they proposed a "Conference of States" and heavily funded it, but due, again, to God's mercy, to widespread public awareness of the dangers of a Convention, and to relentless lobbying by the grassroots constituents of state legislators, it was defeated. So, back they went, again, to the "drawing board".... The latest and current lie captivating a, now (sadly) dumbed-down, abysmally ignorant and uninformed populace on the U.S. Constitution comes from the Goldwater Institute--resemblance, in this writer's opinion, to Barry Goldwater in name only--called the "*Compact for America.*" Reiterating the bold-faced lie that a "Con-Con" agenda CAN be limited to a Balanced Budget Amendment, pro-Convention lobbyists are preparing and state legislators are introducing legislation in multiple states, including Connecticut, New Mexico, Georgia, Arizona, Ohio, Virginia, etc., petitioning Congress (under Article V provisions) for a Constitutional Convention. Unaware, America, once again, teeters on the precipice of annihilation. **WHAT TO DO: PRAY, LEARN, CONTACT YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS!**

Partial list of suggested resources to educate, inform, and prepare to oppose the "Compact for America" (CFA):

1. A 30-minute VHS/DVD, produced in 1988, and related book, both entitled "The Constitution in Crisis," (limited supply available at www.lex-rex.com), plus a booklet entitled "Anatomy of a Conspiracy" (also available at www.lex-rex.com).
2. Article entitled "A Warning About Things to Come" (2/21/11) and educational flyer by Phyllis Schlafly, Eagle Forum (available by email from www.eagleforum.org/topics/concon or call 618-462-5415).
3. Selected excerpts from the "Newstates Constitution"--still the most likely document to be substituted for the current Constitution if/when a Con-Con is convened (available at www.lex-rex.com).
4. Opposition strategy from one of several national organizations opposing a Con-Con, the American Policy Center (available at www.americanpolicy.org)
5. In addition, further guidance and understanding on this threat may be obtained by request to the source of this article at www.lex-rex.com.