

There's a Trial Run of a "Convention of the States" Going On Right Now

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If you're fed up with Washington D.C. politicians wielding extra-constitutional or even unconstitutional power over the people and the states, there is a recourse that few citizens know much about: A "Convention of the States."

Provided for in the Constitution, it is a measure to add Amendments to the Constitution without getting the stamp of approval of elected representatives in the federal government. Championing the movement has been conservative radio host Mark Levin, who explains the measure below (via the [Convention of States](#) project):

As Levin [explained](#) about the convention in early 2015:

Levin framed the Article V Convention of the States as the beginning of the process in which state legislators can reassert their constitutional power and become, in effect, the kind of check on the out-of-control federal government the framers expected the three branches of federal government they created in the Constitution would be on each other.

"Take your power back," Levin told the enthusiastic crowd of state legislators from around the country.

Critics who claim an Article V Convention could become a "Runaway Constitutional Convention" miss the point entirely, Levin said. Critics think such a convention would have no impact, as the federal government is ignoring the Constitution already and would have little reason to observe any amendments, subsequently ratified by the states, that emerged from the Convention of the States.

"So if you ask me what makes you think the federal government will follow amendments to the Constitution if it won't follow the Constitution today, then you don't understand this process," Levin said.

"By giving the state legislatures the ultimate say on major federal laws, on major federal regulations, on major Supreme Court decisions, should 3/5 of state legislatures act to override them within a two year period," Levin added, "it doesn't much matter what Washington does or doesn't. It matters what you do."

"The goal is to limit the entrenchment of Washington's ruling class," he concluded.

More information on the Convention of States trial run agenda can be found on its [website](#). It concluded with the reasoning for the trial run.

"What makes this 'conference' different than any other is that our commissioners — our patriots — are looking forward to a better day in America when the citizens have the power that DC has tried to take from us. But they're doing more than looking forward to that day. By their hard work, they're actually doing something to make that day come sooner."