

Toward a Standing Article V Convention

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In our last guest essay for Coach is Right we made an opening case for [Article V state amendment conventions](#), rather than SCOTUS, to deal with major social and governing issues. It is through state conventions rather than the elastic whims of nine unaccountable lawyers that the Framers envisioned a free people would keep and improve their republic.

Enlightenment philosophers recognized that whereas power is aggressive, liberty is passive. Unless it is actively pursued, liberty will always fade in the face of encroaching power. Our Framing generation knew this and provided the means by which liberty could be actively defended.

It is precisely because we have neglected to keep and improve our republic since passage of [the despicable 16th](#) and [17th Amendments](#) that an emerging class of Washington DC elites took the opportunity to run wild and feed their avarice and ambition, man's natural hunger for power and wealth, all at the expense of liberty.



An unfortunate reality is that America has come to accept as final the often fanciful mutterings of the Supreme Court. With its Roe, Lawrence and Obergefell decisions, SCOTUS not only supplanted the supreme law of the land, it trashed God's Law. Its [June 2015 decisions](#) blew the lid off what remained of limited and free

government; without saying, it formalized the Progressives dream of a living and breathing constitution.

But be of good cheer, for there is an out. These and many other decades' old outrages and assaults on free government and society do not have to stand.

SCOTUS is supreme among courts. It is not supreme to either the people or God.

It is through the Article V state convention amendment process that We the People can exert our sovereign authority to not only repeal the 16th and 17th Amendments, but their evil offspring as well. For a state amendments convention can reverse every SCOTUS decision that is inconsistent with



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freedom and enumerated powers.

Are only good outcomes guaranteed from the Article V process? Of course not. But no people in history ever amended their government to enslave themselves. To disregard our God-given, natural and constitutional protected right to assert ultimate authority over the government of our creation is illogical and certain to conclude in hard tyranny.



To this end, to remind the DC elites and the world that Americans will henceforth stand at the ready to renew first principles and defend their liberty, every citizen should press their state legislature to meet with other state legislatures in convention.

What of the two thirds state application hurdle in Article V? The states submitted hundreds of applications in the 20th century and congress could not find the time to call a convention. Why would it do so going forward? Don't the elites have even more despotic power to defend in the age of Obama's transformations? Neither Article V nor any other constitutional clause prevents the states from meeting in convention. Meet in convention and watch the statist rip out their hair and shriek in denial of any power beyond their own.

There is a lot of cleaning up to do. SCOTUS has deposited a thick, fetid crust of anti-freedom and anti-constitutional diktats on a once free people. In view of the sheer volume of these Leftist assaults, the states should meet in convention annually. Too hard? Not at all. All that needs to happen is to meet once and adjourn until a specified date the following year.



By never adjourning *sine die*, the states establish a de facto standing amendments convention.

It is only through the assertion of our God-given right to frame our government that SCOTUS, along with the rest of the DC elites, will know that a legitimate power above and beyond their control will year after year examine and if necessary, reverse any assault on liberty.