

## A Convention of States (Beware of False Prophets)

Mark Levine wrote a book that was published in mid 2013 entitled The Liberty Amendments: Restoring the American Republic. In it he declared the States can ‘call for a convention.’ He said ‘Congress isn’t involved either. Under the Constitution, Congress’s job is ministerial, like a part-time Obamacare employee, where they basically collect the resolutions of the states, they turn it into the archivist of the United States, and if there’s two-thirds, then the states can go ahead and meet ... Congress has no role,’ click [HERE](#).

Levin was correct in saying the convention would be an ‘Article V Convention’ or an ‘Amendments Convention.’ [Note: To what extent ‘amendments’ would make it a ‘Constitutional Convention’ is left to another discussion.] But his interpretation that ‘the States can call for a convention’ and the ‘Congress has no role’ is not correct. Read Article V: “The Congress ..... on Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments.” Furthermore, the next portion of Article V is that Congress proposes the ‘Mode of Ratification.’ So Congress has a very strong voice.

For this essay Mark Levin’s book and its content of some 10 or 11 Amendments isn’t the concern. The concern is what others are doing to excite people into supporting what they term a ‘Convention of States.’ What is taking place is much like the Yellow Journalism that led to the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment, and it is dangerous.

Consider a portion of the content of an Email recently sent out to non-disclosed recipients:

- “Now that election season is over, it's time for freedom-loving Americans to take up the hard business of reversing our nation's slide into socialism.”
- “The federal behemoth has steamrolled our liberty in pursuit of some elitist vision of "social justice,"”
- “There is only one way to fix this and because it is a systemic problem, elections alone can't do it.”
- “If 34 states apply, the Constitution explicitly requires Congress to issue the "call," and then to step back and let the states do their work.”

It sounds good. And it is intended to get you all riled up and say, “Yes, lets get those inside-elitists. Lets take back our government!”

But as your blood pressure soars think about this – you are being played by these words. The author of these words is attempting to do to you what “The Reverend Jackson” and Al Sharpton do to the Black Community. These words are intended to enlist your frustrations to support the author’s agenda, which claims there is no other way to control what is happening in Washington D. C. than to come up with a host of Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. The Left believes in a ‘Living Constitution.’ Is modifying the content of the Constitution of America with Amendments in order to satisfy a particular agenda any different?

The author of that email is telling us ‘we can not trust the blankety, blankety, blanks in D.C.’ While I agree with that disposition on the whole I equally do not trust a group of people I do not know, and for the most part have never heard of, to go into a room, close the door, and write a bunch of Amendments. Those individuals have their own agenda, and it is not

likely to be what I, or you, hope it would be. I am not prepared to let a group of modern-day manipulators, from either the left or the Right, have an opportunity to muck up the Constitution which itself is not in fault. The fault lies with those who bend the Constitution to fit their agenda and with those who let them do so.

The solution to the mess we are in lies with ‘those who let them do so.’ Do you realize who are these people? They are us, We the People. [I am reminded of what Pogo said to Porkypine on Earth Day, 1971: “We have met the enemy and he is us.”, click [HERE](#).]

I agree with the author on one thing: “The election Season is over.” And if all we do is go to the poles and vote, then go home, and do nothing else until the next election we have solved nothing. What does it say about us, We the People, if we do this same thing over and over? [Einstein is attributed as saying, “Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result.”]

The solution to the problem is “Eternal Vigilance”, as Delegate Bob Marshall said during his August 28, 2014 debate with Dr. Michael Farris. By “Eternal Vigilance” is meant stay informed on what is happening and what your elected officials are doing. If they are not doing what you think they should then take the time to repeatedly tell them they are not until they get the message and abide. How do you think we got to the present situation? We got to the present situation because the Left votes but does not quit working on their agenda between voting.

Are we so irresponsible as to think we can simply let still another politically oriented group of individuals write a bunch of Constitutional Amendments and believe that will solve our problems? Basically this is no different than “voting and going home until the next election.” This is looking for an easy way out of our problems. There is no easy way out. Writing Amendments only provides the inside-elitists with more Constitutional content they will ignore or twist to serve their purposes. The Constitution is not the problem. The problem is the nature of the Politician, and that will not change with more Amendments. Writing Amendments will only create more regulations and more bureaucracy. That means more, not less, Federal Government.

And what about the claim that Congress has no role? How can changes be made to any aspect of Federal Government without the involvement of the Federal Government? And what about the claim that writing Amendments would not get out of control? If that were the case then Amendment 16, 17, 18, and perhaps others would never have been ratified.

My take is that we must take the long and difficult road. We must take our Federal Government to task, stay on their back, and confront our elected and non-elected officials on every detail. There is no short-cut Magic Bullet called ‘More Amendments.’ So beware of the False Profits who tell you that that everything can be solved with more Amendments and that a Convention of States Will Solve Problems with the Federal Government.