

The Constitution is in a Heap of Trouble What Solutions do You Suggest?

Article II, Section 2, Paragraph 2 of the U. S. Constitution reads “He (*referring to the President*) shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur; ...”

Merriam-Webster provides the following definition of the word ‘Treaty’:

a : an agreement or arrangement made by negotiation: (1) : private *treaty*
(2) : a contract in writing between two or more political authorities (as states or sovereigns) formally signed by representatives duly authorized and usually ratified by the lawmaking authority of the state.

My understanding from the above is that the Senate of the U.S. Congress has final word on any ‘agreement’ between the United States and Iran or any other country, irrespective of the subject. This is the same opinion the 47 Republican Senator stated in an [open letter](#) to Iran back in early March. So would someone explain to me why the U. S. Senate’s Foreign Relations Committee has passed a bill, the [Corker-Menendez Bill, \(S.615\)](#), to the full Senate that would give both the House and the Senate the power to review a potential Iran nuclear agreement—click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)? This bill is counter to what is in the Constitution. First, it gives the House a voice in the matter, which the Constitution does not. Second, it enables the President to veto the ‘consent’ of the Senate, which the Constitution does not. In other words the Senate is issuing a bill that ignores that which is in the Constitution.

Mark Fitzgibbons wrote a short essay in late March of this year (2015) entitled “[How to Save the Constitution with One Word.](#)” His focus was on the matter of an Article V Convention. In the essay he stated, “*While the problem of ignoring and violating the Constitution has gone into hyper-drive under President Obama, it has been in the makings for decades ...*” I would add that this is more of the same. In this case it is the Congress that is ignoring and violating the Constitution. All three Branches are guilty.

What is happening is a clear example why a Convention of States, or whatever you choose to call it, will not solve, but only complicate, problems. The three Branches are destined to ignore and manipulate the content of the Constitution to their convenience, including that of any would-be amendments.

This past Saturday, 041115, others and I anchored a table at a gun show. For four hours I focused on asking individuals who paused at our table if they thought we have a problem with our government and the Nation AND what they thought We the People can and should do to solve the problem. I listen to some 20 or more people who attempted to answer my questions.

As you probably can guess, each and every one of them thought we have very serious problems with our government, with what is taking place in this Nation, and with the erosion of the Constitution. But when it came to “what to do about it” they did little more than vent their frustrations. No one suggested a plan or approach for solving the problems. And no – a non-peaceful method was not considered although a few thought that if something was not done there would be some one person or group that would attempt to do so. More than a few voiced their opinion that things would eventually get so bad that the entire system would collapse and we start all over again.

The frustrating aspect is that I am not different than those 20 or more people I listened to. I have more frustrations and fears there is room here to discuss. Except for a very few of our elected officials I have little confidence, or respect, for their capacity to understand and solve the problems. It seems that it is the very nature of those who want to run for elected and bureaucratic offices to add to the problems. So what do we do? What solutions do you suggest