

FRIENDS OF THE ARTICLE V CONVENTION

One Friend At A Time . . .



Why doesn't Convention of States want the People involved in a Convention?

The Convention of States Project or COS do not want **the people** involved in a convention because there is no guarantee **the people** will support the political agenda of the Convention of States Project. Involvement **by the people** means **direct** election of delegates **by the people**. COS opposes **the people** electing delegates to an Article V Convention.

Using clever advertising COS Project has mislabeled an Article V Convention as a “Convention of States.” The aim is to associate their political agenda as synonymous for an Article V Convention. **There is no provision in the Constitution for a “Convention of States.”** Convention of States is a political agenda; an Article V Convention is a constitutional process. They are **not** synonymous.

The political agenda of COS includes a balanced budget amendment, elimination of federal income tax and state control of federal regulations. To prevent any roadblocks to passage of its agenda, COS favors: (1) appointment of convention “commissioners” strictly controlled by a select group of state legislators; (2) a pre-determined convention agenda; (3) felony arrest for any delegate who fails to vote as instructed by the select group of state legislators; (4) absolutely **no input** whatsoever **by the people** in the amendment process.

Clearly COS doesn't believe its political agenda can pass at a convention **unless the convention is rigged**. The only reason for **COS rigging a convention** is COS believes its political agenda lacks support **by the people** necessary to pass the COS amendments. If **the people** are involved at a “Convention of States” citizens might object in sufficient numbers to prevent passage. Rather than letting the people have a voice at the convention **COS believes the people must be excluded from an Article V Convention**.

COS says the people have input. They say the people elect the state legislators who then control the convention **without need for any further input by the people**. The question **you** have to ask is whether **you** trust **your** state legislators with **your** Constitution. No state legislature which has applied for a “Convention of States” has even held as much as a public opinion poll to gather input from **the people** on the issues of an Article V Convention. Further details can be found [here](#).