

FRIENDS OF THE ARTICLE V CONVENTION

One Friend At A Time



Is the “Convention of States” New?

Despite what the present day version of “Convention of States” (COS) may say a “Convention of States” is not new. COS is a political doctrine which traces its roots to southern slave states and has existed in one form or another since the 1800’s. As evidenced by its title COS does not believe this nation is “**We the people**” but instead is “we the states.” **The people**, knowing there is no “Convention of States” in the Constitution have repeatedly rejected “Convention of States.”

As COS does not believe in “**We the people**” their goal, stated or not, is to return to the Articles of Confederation or even earlier to the totalitarian regime of the colonies as the form of our government. [This is why COS refers to laws which existed during the totalitarian regime rather than present day American law as the basis for its validity.](#) This is why COS base their concept of government on the “master/slave” principle of law rather than constitutional law. This is why COS refers to conventions held and controlled by the totalitarian regime as proof of the validity of a “convention of states.” COS never references the 1787 convention as the basis for its validity. The convention rejected a “convention of states” and gave us “**We the people.**”

The goal of COS is that a select **oligarchy of politicians** with a specific political agenda makes all decisions in place **of the people** of the United States. State laws sponsored by the present day COS [prove this point](#). The laws seek control of the Article V Convention by the oligarchy. None of these laws has been reviewed by a court, approved **by the people** or require **any participation of the people whatsoever**.

Despite what COS states, there is no provision in these laws mandating the oligarchy is bound by the will **of the people** or are even required to consult **the people** on the decisions these politicians make. COS believes implementing their form of government requires threat of force. Thus, COS law includes coercion in the form of felony arrest for delegates who fail to follow “instructions” of the oligarchy.

The best answer by the **American people** to a “Convention of States” is the official response by the state of Delaware Legislature in 1833 to an application by the slave state of South Carolina for a “Convention of States.” Click on the images below to enlarge.

