

"Abide By The Constitution, Don't Change It!"

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Change Congress not the Constitution.

As for a Convention of the States, Mark Levin's states that his "proposal is based on Article 5 of the Constitution, which says constitutional amendments may be proposed in two ways—either by two-thirds majorities in both houses of Congress or by a convention called by two-thirds of the state legislatures. Whichever way an amendment is proposed, however, it cannot become part of the Constitution unless it is ratified by three-quarters of the states. "

You can read the constitution for yourself. Article V states very clearly: "The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary shall propose Amendments to the Constitution, or on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several states , shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments ... "

All the states can do is request Congress to call one. From there it is controlled by Congress, then the convention.

And, we know from history that the ratification process can be changed by the Convention; the number required to ratify can be lowered or even eliminated.

There is a plan by proponents of the convention to have three bipartisan delegates from each state attend the convention. How could this result in constitutionalists controlling the proceedings? Whether those delegates attend, (not authorized by the Constitution) or those decided by Congress, how could we possibly expect the Constitution to be improved?

We have solutions, for one, The Tenth Amendment. We need to change Congress not the Constitution.