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April Action Report

No Con-con!

We are publishing our April *Action Report* earlier this month in order to help members build momentum in our *urgent drive* to prevent our nation's second constitutional convention. With this regular monthly *Action Report*, we are also enclosing a sample of our new *Campaign Action Report* — *Dagger in the Heart: a Modern Constitutional Convention*.

The highly organized and well funded drive for an incredibly dangerous second constitutional

convention (via Article V) has *so far this year* been able to get well in excess of 100 bills introduced within three dozen or more of our 50 states, and the leaders are projecting victory. So obviously, we are playing catch-up.

Nevertheless, the contests in most states are very much up for grabs. A small, determined force carrying persuasive arguments can still block this sneak attack on our Constitution — *if we don't wait*. Many aggressive members have already played an important role in defeating resolutions in Virginia and in Wyoming.

Up to now, the drive has been directed deceptively at conservative Republicans. However, if proponents come close, this year or next, to achieving their goal of 34 state resolutions, other pretexts will surely appear to bring in states with

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Scamming “conservatives”: In March, former U.S. Senator from Oklahoma, Tom Coburn, appeared on Rupert Murdoch’s (CFR) Fox News promoting a Convention of the States — to eliminate “waste, fraud, or duplication.” Coburn repeated a clever deception of proponents: “It’s an Article V convention of states. It’s not a constitutional convention.” He also falsely claimed that the Founders wrote Article V so we could put limits on government. No, they gave us the Constitution to do that.



Democratic controlled legislatures.

Accordingly, every state we can prevent now from making the terrible mistake of putting our Constitution at risk is an important victory. But we also need to educate and organize for the long haul, too.

We challenge every member to use our special *Campaign Action Report* to inform and involve their friends, prospects, and other responsible Americans in opposing any and all calls for a con-con in their state. And in states, such as Utah, that have already passed a resolution, members need to use the *Report* to build legislative and grassroots support for rescission.

As mentioned in our email announcing this *Campaign Action Report*, a very generous donation has enabled us to price additional copies of this *Report* exceptionally low to encourage aggressive distribution. As listed at the end of the *Report*, additional copies can be ordered at 25 for \$6.00 and 100 for \$15.00 — including shipping!

The Committed vs. the Redeemable

Some politicians have clearly thrown in with the “Con-con” lot, such as former Senator Tom Coburn, who now works for the “Convention of the States” project, and Ohio Governor John Kasich (see below).

However, others who have on occasion endorsed the “conservative groundswell” promoted by Mark Levin, Glenn Beck, Sean Hannity, and Fox News may not be so committed to that agenda. Some may still be susceptible to education and constituent pressure. For example, consider what this February report has to say about Senator Mike Lee:

Kasich, a potential 2016 White House candidate, has recently concluded a six-state tour in which he asked legislators to support the convention, largely to push the balanced budget idea....

Kasich, who claims credit for

crafting a balanced federal budget before leaving Congress in 2000, gave a similar pitch last month in Utah, urging state lawmakers to pass a convention resolution, which has failed there in past years.

But, he faced some surprising crosswind in the largely conservative state, skepticism about the idea from GOP Sen. Mike Lee.

The Tea Party-backed Lee has sponsored a balanced-budget amendment every year since getting elected to the Senate in 2010. But he reportedly is concerned about a convention creating the potential for a barrage of bad amendments.

— FoxNews.com (2-15-15)

While we vehemently disapprove of a Balanced Budget Amendment (see our discussion of a BBA in the enclosed *Campaign Action Report*), we are pleased with Lee’s reported skepticism regarding a con-con. Earlier, Lee had been quoted as arguing that a state-initiated convention was worth the risk. Lee had read Levin’s book three times and had multiple conversations with Levin.

However, according to this later report, it seems Mike Lee has moved closer to the position of his late father, Rex Lee, former dean of the BYU law school (and later president of BYU). In a 1989 letter to a Utah state representative, Rex Lee argued:

[I]n determining the steps you should take as a responsible representative of the people of Utah, you and other members of the legislature should realize that the risks are very real that (1) just as happened in 1787, the convention might not in fact limit itself as instructed by Congress and (2) the convention’s forays into areas forbidden them by Congress might eventually be upheld.

While fighting a much earlier

con-con drive, Don Fotheringham collected a number of such letters from top constitutional experts. Those recognized authorities dispute the glib assurance by con-con proponents that a constitutional convention can be limited. We have posted several of their letters on our website (look for a link on our home page). Those letters can be very useful in working with sympathetic state legislators trying to stand up to the claims of present-day con-con lobbyists.

While it is important to get our case before opinion leaders (including politicians), *reason alone will not win this fight in the long run*. We must get others involved in this battle. And those reinforcements will be most productive if we can get them to join FFS.

Recommended action: 1) **Contact** your state legislators in opposition to any and all con-con applications. 2) **Visit** the website of your state legislature to determine the status of con-con bills in your state. Start by consulting our 50 state online status report, accessible only through the link we emailed to members. **Target** those legislators where the current action is. (If your state is quiet, don’t hesitate to message legislators in other states.) 3)



Victim of hidden agenda: A “scathing Justice Department report” alleging racial bias helped unseat Ferguson Police Chief Thomas Jackson (shown here earlier).

Build informed resistance to a con-con in your state by sharing our *Campaign Action Report* widely and following up to **enlist** reinforcements. 4) In states that have passed a con-con application, **build support for rescission**.

Ferguson Follow-up

The Establishment media's coverage of the "Ferguson" fallout blatantly cooperates with revolutionary strategy. That strategy strives to create "pressure from below" for greater and greater federal control over local police. Never a word is mentioned regarding the decades-old revolutionary tactic of using charges of "police brutality" as the pretext for federal intervention or why we should trust the feds more to oversee police power than we should our city governments.

Moreover, the reports upon which most Americans rely to be informed always take for granted that the protests and pressures are spontaneous outpourings of sincere concerns. Consider these excerpts from recent AFP and AP reports:

Tension has gripped Ferguson since August 9, when local police officer Darren Wilson shot and killed 18-year-old Brown, a suspect in a petty corner-store shoplifting, after an altercation on a residential street.

Sometimes violent protests ensued, as *Brown's death* — and the failure by a grand jury to indict Wilson — *ignited a heated national debate* about race relations, law enforcement and excessive use of police force.

In the aftermath of a *scathing Justice Department report* last week that exposed racial bias in his department, *Ferguson's embattled police chief Thomas Jackson submitted his resignation* on Wednesday. [Emphasis added.]
— AFP (3-14-15)

The Ferguson City Council on Tuesday evening unanimously

approved a resolution to part ways with City Manager John Shaw following a *scathing Justice Department report* that alleged racial bias in the city police department and court system. [Emphasis added.]

— AP (3-10-15)

Loretta Lynch Nomination

The other half of this unreported revolutionary strategy is "pressure from above." Senators anxious to protect our nation should be looking closely at the agenda of President Obama's nominee for Attorney General, who would head up the U.S. Department of Justice:

The wife and mother of Eric Garner [who died from a chokehold applied by a white police officer] emerged from the 25-minute closed-door meeting with U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch in Brooklyn. The Rev. Al Sharpton, who attended the meeting, said Lynch assured the family that her office was monitoring a pending state investigation.

— AP (3-17-15)

The Establishment's *New York Times*

quickly supported the president's selection of Lynch with a same day, November 8, 2014 story: "Loretta Lynch, a Nominee for Attorney General, Is Praised for Substance, Not Flash." Rather surprisingly, Lynch served briefly (2003 to 2005) as a member of the board of the dominant Insider New York Federal Reserve Bank. America desperately needs some senators who are willing to challenge such Establishment credentials publicly.

During confirmation hearings by the Senate Judiciary Committee, several GOP members properly questioned Ms. Lynch regarding her support of the President's executive orders re immigration policy. During later floor debate over those executive orders, Senator David Vitter (R-LA), who had voted against confirming Lynch, argued:

Some of [the President's] apologists — including Loretta Lynch, for example — say: Well, every President can set prosecution priorities. We are simply setting priorities. We are simply saying this class of folks is not a priority for legal action, deportation prosecution.

I asked Ms. Lynch directly after she said that: Isn't it true the



Deceiving the public: C-SPAN coverage of Ms. Lynch's Senate hearing entertained viewers with today's self-censored political arguments. Unmentioned are the subversive agendas that many officials in high places are implementing.



President is going beyond that? Isn't it true he is giving this entire class of illegal aliens a new legal status? She had no substantive response.

Yet the Senate Judiciary Committee approved Lynch's nomination by a vote of 12 to 8 (three Republicans — Orrin Hatch (UT), Jeff Flake (AZ), and Lindsey Graham (SC) — teamed up with committee Democrats to provide the needed margin).

GOP vs. Democrats

The really significant political struggle is not between the GOP and Democrats or even between liberals and conservatives, as the Establishment media would like us to believe. Instead, the important war is the hidden war waged by Internationalist Insiders against the American constitutional Republic. In that war, we find leaders in both parties joining hands to promote the Internationalist Establishment agenda.

Consider, for example, the mislabeled "free trade" pacts. These internationalist attacks on national sovereignty are driven deceptively by phony conservative pretexts, much as is the drive for a constitutional convention. However, both Republican and Democratic presidents have supported those encroachments, such as NAFTA, CAFTA, and the FTAA. A little liberal opposition thrown in reinforces the "conservative" coloration to the agreements:

On Thursday, Obama stepped up his campaign for expanding exports and negotiating new trade deals in Asia and Europe, a rare spot of common ground with Republicans and a raw point of friction with Democrats....

But while Obama has the support of Republican leaders and a majority of Republican lawmakers, he might have to count on Democrats to make up for a conservative wing of the GOP that doesn't support trade deals or simply doesn't want to give Obama [fast track] negotiating authority.

— AP (2-26-15)

The President Makers

The Establishment media regularly "brands" candidates for president. We are told who the "moderate" candidates are, who the acceptable "conservatives" are, and who requires a special label, such as "Tea party conservative," suggesting the candidate has only fringe support. And, of course, most reports focus Americans on fluff (e.g., the first *woman* president, experience with the media, etc.).

As an example, consider this Yahoo News story (3-14-15) regarding recent concurrent campaign trips by Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and former Florida Governor Jeb Bush to New Hampshire:

Walker is the current darling of many in the Republican Party and is increasingly viewed as the champion of its conservative wing

against the more moderate Bush. But Walker — who at 47 is 15 years Bush's junior — has far less political experience, especially with the national media....

Bush's open arms approach in New Hampshire accentuated his comfort discussing a broad range of issues and his ability to stay cool under pressure.

Continue to take advantage of the pervasive media hype over the presidential race to interest prospects in reading Don Fotheringham's *The President Makers*.

114th (GOP-controlled) Congress

Because our website upgrade is imminent, we are posting our selection of House Roll Calls and Senate Votes for the 114th Congress (2015) only to the coming new site.

Action Summary

Note: Some requests below are ongoing from previous *Action Reports*.

1. Contact your state legislators to insist they oppose any calls for a con-con. Ask others to do likewise.
2. Use our new *Campaign Action Report* (sample enclosed) to build grassroots opposition to a con-con. Plan and order aggressively: 25 copies for \$8.00 and 100 copies for \$15.00 — *shipping included!*
3. Share copies of *The President Makers* with prospects. Cover price: \$19.95. Introductory single copy discount: \$15.00 plus \$4.50 s&h. Quantity pricing: 3-7 copies \$12 each plus \$4.50 s&h per order; a case of 10 for \$100 includes s&h.
4. Schedule a live presentation of "Exposing the President Makers!" by G. Vance Smith and work to make the event a success.
5. Invite good prospects to join FFS.



Obama/GOP leaders team up: The WTO-aligned Trans-Pacific Partnership (summit above) uses a conservative smokescreen to build a subversive new world order.