

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PREVENTION DICTIONARY

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The following dictionary was compiled primarily from the June 10, 1992, Congressional Record from words used by the Congressmen opposed to describe the horrors that would result if a Balanced Budget Amendment were put into the Constitution. However, feel free to use the words compiled in this dictionary to discourage any amendment, including Term Limits, Limitations on Government Borrowing and Taxing Powers, Equal Rights Amendment, or any other ideas that come along which seek to improve this centuries-old document.

- SACRED: The Constitution. See also CLASSIC, REVERED, MAGNIFICENT, EXTRAORDINARY, GREATEST, PRESERVE.
- DELICATE: The Checks and Balances of the Constitution.
- CRIPPLE: What we do to the system of Checks and Balances when we amend the Constitution.
- PROBLEM: What the Constitution is not.
- ALTERNATIVE: What a Constitutional amendment is not. See also GUARANTEE.
- GIMMICK: Any Constitutional amendment. See also PLOY, HOAX, EXCUSE, COVER, FIG-LEAF, CURE-ALL.
- EMBARRASS: What an amendment will do to our political system.
- EXACERBATE: What an amendment will do to our problems.
- LOWER: What a Constitutional amendment will do to our standard of living.
- ANARCHY: What invariably results when the Constitution is amended. See also CHAOS, CRISIS, DANGEROUS, DESTROY, DESTABILIZE, DEVASTATE.
- LIBERTY: What you lose when you amend the Constitution.
- TESTED: The Constitution. See also DELIVERS.
- UNTESTED: Constitutional amendments. See also PROMISES.
- RESPECT: What amendment supporters do not have for the Constitution.

- WHAT: The word that should precede "if" in response to suggestions for Constitutional amendments.
- QUESTIONS: What Constitutional amendments leave unanswered.
- UNSOUND: The notion that the Constitution needs to be amended. See also MISTAKE, IRRESPONSIBLE, WRONG.
- TAMPER: Amending the Constitution. See also MEDDLE, TINKER, SCRAP.
- STRAITJACKET: What the Constitution is put into when you amend it. See also SADDLE.
- UNDERMINE: What is done to the Constitution when it is amended. See also ENDANGER, DAMAGE, SHATTER, ASSAULT, DECIMATE, TRIVIALIZE, CHEAPEN.
- IRREPARABLE: The nature of the damage done by Constitutional amendments. See also SEVERE.
- WHIM: Why people want to amend the Constitution.
- HASTY: The speed with which supporters of Constitutional amendments proceed. See also DROP OF A HAT.
- HYSTERICAL: Supporters of a Constitutional amendment. See also QUACK, RECKLESS, FOOLHARDY, UNREALISTIC, ARROGANT, COWARDLY, LAZY.
- CHANCE: What we should not take.
- RISK: What every amendment entails. See also GIANT RIVERBOAT GAMBLE. Do not see BENEFIT.
- MEANS: What are not justified by the ends.
- DAGGER: What an amendment is relative to the Constitution.
- BAZOOKA: What amending the Constitution is like attacking an anthill with.
- PING-PONG: The game amendment supporters are playing with the Constitution.
- PAPER: What a constitutional amendment looks good on.

- CLOUD: What an amendment puts the Constitution under.
- GUTS: What supporters of a Constitutional amendment do not have.
- LEADERSHIP: What we need instead of a Constitutional amendment. See also TOUGH VOTES, COURAGE, RAW COURAGE.
- FEAR: The emotion that ought to be inspired by a Constitutional amendment.
- NEVER: The time frame within which a Constitutional amendment will work.
- FOREVER: The length of time damage from a Constitutional amendment will persist.