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## Robert Brown

Robert Brown has served as a field coordinator and regional field director for The John Birch Society, and today is a national spokesman on constitutional issues. He is best known for his lectures on the Constitution. He has produced six of his lectures as a video series known as "[The Constitution Is the Solution](#)", which has gained popularity nationwide.

After viewing just two of these lectures, a constitutional attorney from New Jersey said:

"I studied Constitutional law under one of the most outstanding Constitutional lawyers/law professors in America, and I have learned more from the two DVD's that I saw than I did from the professor."

Mr. Brown lives in Utah with his wife and children. A popular constitutional speaker, he has lectured for many liberty-minded organizations throughout the country, testified as an expert witness on constitutional issues before numerous state legislatures, and has been a guest on many radio and television programs.

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## COS ENDORSES JBS — EXCEPT FOR “ONE BLIND SPOT”



Despite describing JBS as a “stalwart conservative organization” in a response to an article about an Article V Convention, Convention of States continues to get Article V wrong.

*by Christian Gomez*

**R**ecently, Dr. Robert Malone, who pioneered the development of mRNA technology and, at great personal cost, courageously warned the public about the risks associated with taking the Covid-19 vaccines, invited us to submit an article about the topic of an Article V Convention to post on his Substack. Graciously and humbly we accepted the opportunity. On September 3, Dr. Malone published a post on his Substack account titled “What An Article V Convention Might Mean,” which also featured a succinct article written by this author titled “Article V Convention Threatens Liberty.” In his Substack post, Dr. Malone did not endorse The John Birch Society’s stance on an Article V Convention so much as provide his readers with

an opportunity to “consider a different point of view on this important topic.” This author and The John Birch Society remain grateful and extend our warmest thanks and appreciation for the opportunity to submit an article to be posted on Dr. Malone’s Substack. We are also humbled by his generous warm words about the Society:

From what I can tell, the JBS organization has actually been at the vanguard of political perspectives that many now accept as mainstream, and has consistently advocated anti-racist positions. In hindsight, it is clear that the JBS has successfully opened the Overton window of acceptable political discourse.

The article received many positive responses and comments, but it was not without its detractors — something that both Dr. Malone and The John Birch Society are all too familiar with.

On September 5, Convention of States (COS) posted an official response on their website titled “John Birch Society Finds Self-Destruct Switch in Constitution,” in which they accused The John Birch Society of having “snookered” (tricked) Dr. Malone into taking the wrong side on the Article V Convention issue.

Founded in 2013, COS is an organization exclusively dedicated to convening a convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution, ostensibly designed to “impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress” — as if the Constitution did not already establish a very limited federal government, restrain Congress from what it can spend money on, define what sound money actually is, provide a way for voters to remove incumbent members of Congress at the ballot box, and enable individual

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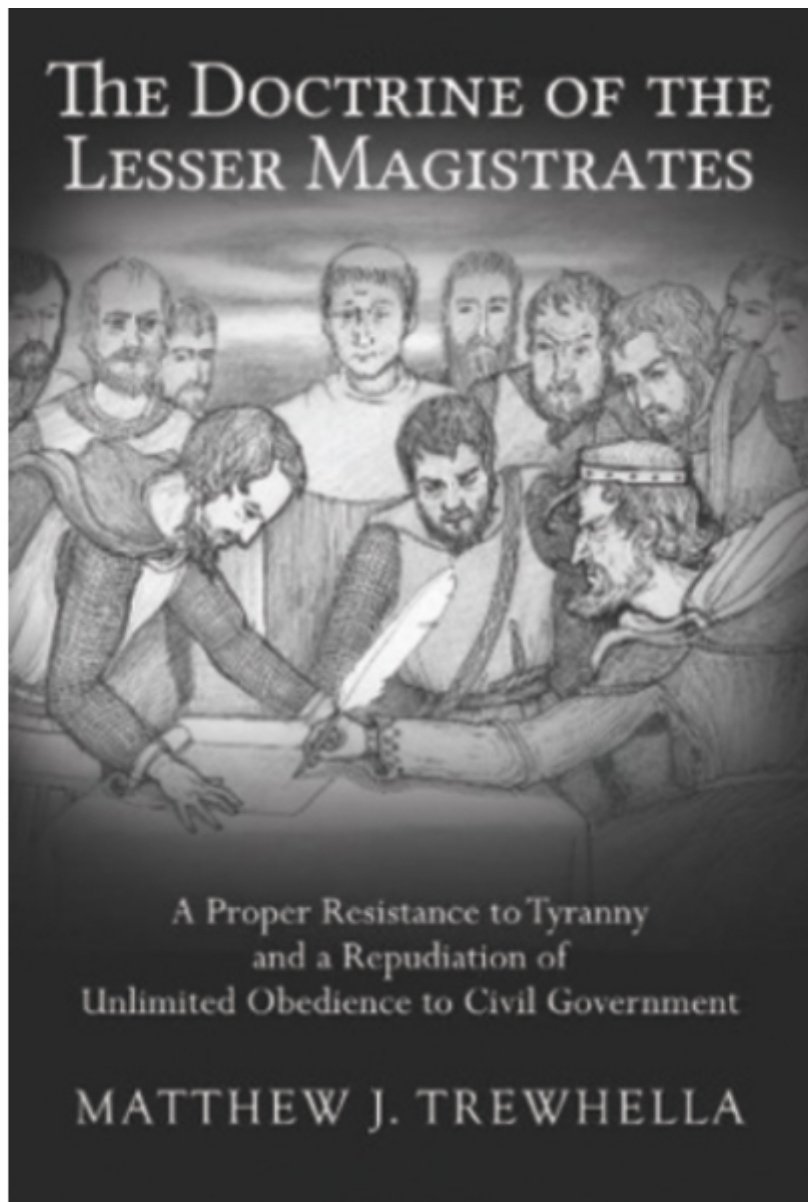
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The Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrates



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## State Nullification: An Idea Deeply Embedded in American History

Nullification — whereby states nullify the effect on their citizens of unconstitutional U.S. laws — is regularly derided, but it was designed by the Founders for that very purpose.



**Always the plan:** While state nullification of unconstitutional federal laws is generally thought to be an innovation only introduced in 1798 with the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions, James Madison — the “Father” of the Constitution — discussed the concept in *The Federalist Papers* a decade earlier. He suggested that states could interpose themselves between citizens and the federal government.

*United States Library of Congress*

**by Steve Byas**

In today’s American history textbooks, nullification is treated as a fringe idea at best, and treasonous at worst. Yet not only did two of America’s greatest Founding Fathers (James Madison, the “Father” of the Constitution, and Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence) fully embrace the concept, but nullification was employed in the

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Northern states to restrain the federal government, as well as in the South.

A review of American history prior to the Civil War reveals that nullification was actually a common political tool. But because of the Civil War, the practice fell into disfavor, as pro-Union propaganda portrayed just about any effort to retard the centralization of government as somehow disloyal.

Nullification is the idea that, if the federal government extends its powers beyond those found in the Constitution, a state has both a right and a duty to resist such usurpations by declaring the law or other unconstitutional action of the federal government null and void. It is important

to keep in mind that both federal and state officials — including the members of the federal and state legislatures as well as “all executive and judicial Officers” — are bound by oath to support the U.S. Constitution, under Article VI. State officials who accept unconstitutional federal usurpations within their state borders are neglecting their oath.

In practice the concept of nullification was employed in various ways, but always with the intention of insisting that the federal government follow the Constitution and of preserving the Union. It was *not* secession, but was intended to prevent an open split among the American states.

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