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## The Last Word

Coupling education and action is an art form. For those in The John Birch Society, we call it "Birching," and it can have some exciting outcomes.

Readers of *The New American* are familiar with Dr. Robert Malone, an inventor of mRNA technologies, and his courageous stand against the Deep State's deliberate misinformation campaign to get Americans to comply with Covid policies. As the JBS is the parent organization of *The New American*, we used that connection to invite him and his wife, Dr. Jill Malone, to our Leadership Conference in Florence, Kentucky, in August, with the request that Robert give the keynote address as well as a private briefing to our National Council. Both graciously accepted.



Dr. Robert Malone

As we sat around the dinner table just prior to his speech, the topic of their Substack account came up, and Robert mentioned his 500,000-plus subscribers, no doubt fueled by the multiple media interviews Dr. Robert does day in and day out. We suggested to him that an article on the dangers of a Constitutional Convention might be of interest to his audience. He agreed and a month later published an article written by JBS research project manager and frequent *TNA* contributor Christian Gomez. As we predicted and warned the good Drs. Malone, pushback could be heavy.

The main instigator of a Con-Con, Convention of States (COS), countered with three weak, glancing blows, suggesting that their supporters email Dr. Malone and leave a comment on the article, and then smeared JBS with articles that didn't counter our main points. Instead, COS generally chose to ridicule our stance, although one of the articles actually endorsed The John Birch Society except for "one blind spot." And yes, you guessed it, that "blind spot" is our opposition to a modern-day Constitutional Convention. (For more on this COS article, see <a href="Christian Gomez's response">Christian Gomez's response</a> to it.)

In their three-article salvo, COS sophomorically argued that the convention they advocate is not a Constitutional Convention and that JBS must be colluding with the Left. After all, COS noted, liberal former U.S. Senator Russ Feingold, who is anti-Con-Con, credited JBS effectiveness in opposing the Con-Con.

COS even laughingly concluded that Dr. Malone must have been "snookered" by us.

We'll let Dr. Robert share his opinion of JBS, as posted on Substack:

• "... the JBS organization has actually been at the vanguard of political perspectives that many now accept as mainstream."





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- "In my opinion, it is time to recognize that JBS members have been American thought leaders for many decades now."
- "But at a minimum I believe that their opinion and insights on US Constitutional matters deserve to be considered with an open mind."

Many of JBS's "opinion and insights" on constitutional matters have appeared in *The New American* over the years. This magazine serves as a very effective educational and outreach tool, and JBS staff have greatly contributed to its groundbreaking content.

It's coincidental that the last paragraph in this issue's <u>cover story</u> describes the efforts of the JBS. With some editorial latitude and apologies to the good justice and to the author, let's adapt it slightly: "But it is clear that Thomas [The John Birch Society] is fighting the good fight, that he [it] has clearly emerged as the justice [organization] on the bench [American landscape] most dedicated to following the Constitution of the United States, and that he [it] is determined to convert his [its] fellow justices [Americans] to that view."

"That view" is one that couples education and action to see that government is once more held to its proper role, and that an educated electorate keeps it accountable. Much like *The New American's* tireless and undying efforts to ensure "That Freedom Shall Not Perish," the JBS offers insight on the Constitution, how it's supposed to work, and how it should be obeyed to protect the God-given rights of every American.

My oldest daughter asked me about being a good citizen for a class project. Part of my answer was that citizenship is not a spectator sport. Our responsibilities run deep in this Republic, and if we are not engaged, then we are part of the problem, allowing the vacuum we have created by our absence to be filled by the opposition.

Considering what we've learned in this issue regarding <u>Justice Thomas' stand</u> for the Constitution, the <u>dangers of a Constitutional Convention</u>, and the courageous stand for the Constitution by Dr. Malone, let's not be spectators, but participants in saving the founding Americanist principles, utilizing the tools the Founders gave us, including nullification. Simply start at JBS.org.



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