

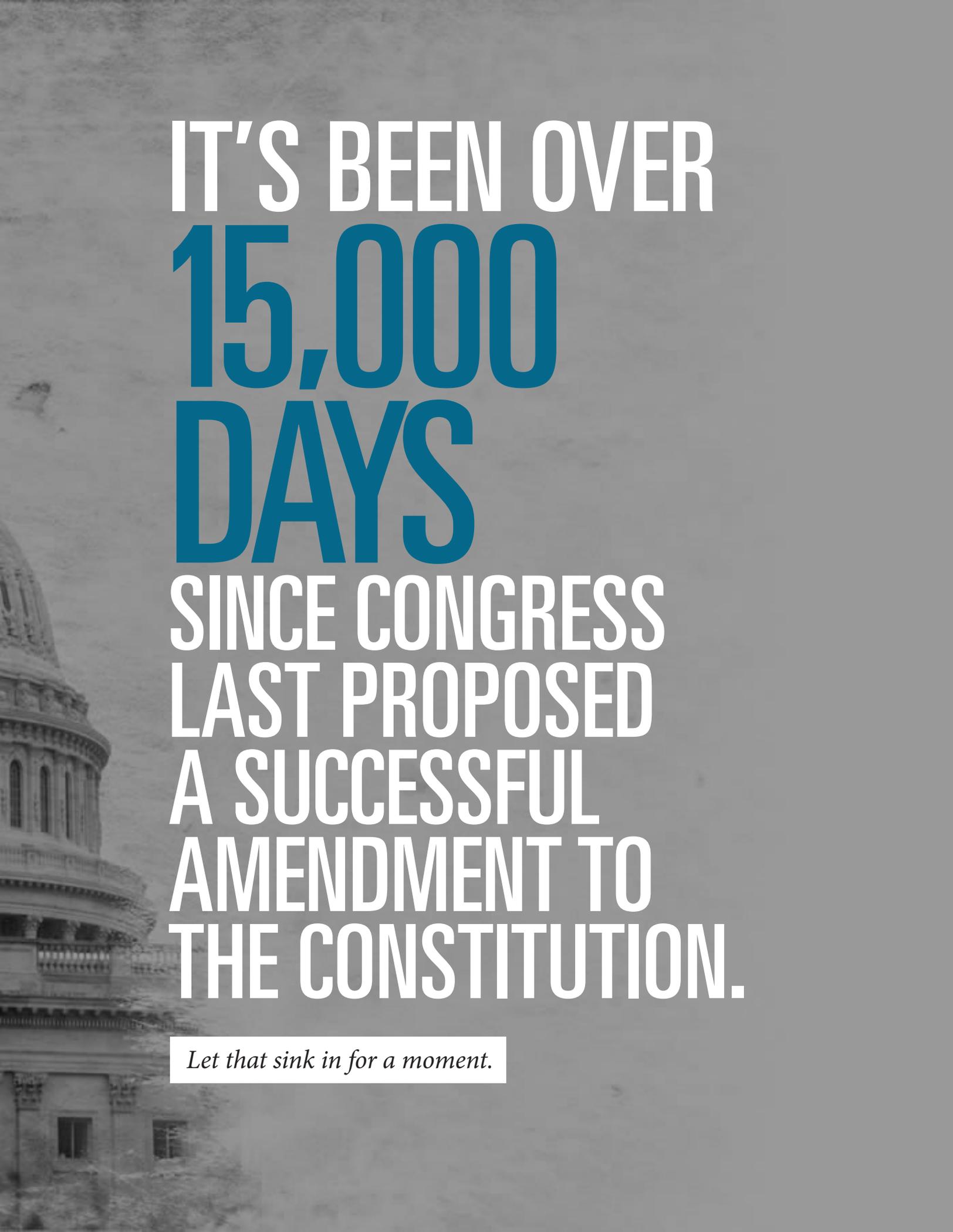
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SAVE

CONGRESS

FROM ITSELF:

THE FRAMERS'
SECRET RESOLUTION



IT'S BEEN OVER
15,000
DAYS

SINCE CONGRESS
LAST PROPOSED
A SUCCESSFUL
AMENDMENT TO
THE CONSTITUTION.

Let that sink in for a moment.

The last time the Constitution was amended, gasoline was \$0.36/gallon and The Beatles released their twelfth and final album, “Let it Be.”

With Congress polling at historically low approval ratings, and Americans having virtually no confidence left in our elected officials, we’ve clearly reached a tipping point.

Put simply, the prevailing political system is fraught with corruption. And massive reform is needed – perhaps more than ever before in this country’s proud history.

Trust me, I don’t take amendments to the Constitution lightly. But the Forefathers gave Congress this exceptional latitude for a reason.

The Framers of the Constitution – realizing that they couldn’t achieve absolute perfection – intended for there to be amendments, and laid out the procedures in Article V.

Of the Constitution’s 27 amendments, 10 – the Bill of Rights – were proposed by Congress in 1789 and ratified in 1791, meaning the other 17 were spread among the subsequent 220 years.

Under the traditional process, Congress proposes an amendment if two-thirds of its members agree. The amendment is then ratified if three-fourths of states agree.

But how can the healthy process of change proceed if Congress itself is the problem?

Well, with incredible foresight, the Framers gave Americans a second path.

Before I reveal the Framers’ secret resolution, however, let me back up a bit and show you in the simplest terms possible what’s going on... and why I’m so concerned...



Time is a Luxury WE NO LONGER HAVE

Our personal livelihoods could soon be radically changing – for the worse.

As you're probably aware, Congress has come up against the debt limit several times recently. Congress had months to come up with a solution each time, but essentially made no progress. Its Ethics Committees sure keep busy, though, routinely investigating members for a plethora of improprieties.

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But Congress' ineptitude may soon have much greater consequences for Americans than most people realize. As in, the likelihood of another debt downgrade, which would spell doom for the economy and the stock market.

When Standard & Poor's downgraded the United States' AAA credit rating in 2011, it also sent an ominous warning...

...that the joint committee better make progress toward achieving its goal of stabilizing the debt, or else.

There's a big problem, though. Republican and Democratic members of Congress remain miles apart on virtually every issue, which means gridlock.

Here's where it gets scary...



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The Next Shoe TO DROP

The Treasury Department's own website admits that "failing to increase the debt limit would have catastrophic economic consequences."

Indeed, failure to reach a meaningful course of action would not only erode what little confidence remains in our federal government, but could also potentially trigger yet another government shutdown.

It could even send the stock market into a death spiral.

Such a reality has the potential to erase billions in personal wealth, indiscriminately crushing stocks, ETFs, 401(k)s, mutual funds and pension funds (*i.e.* – *our hard-earned nest eggs*).

But it gets even worse...

Even if Congress agrees to a workable solution, if the structure of the spending cuts and new taxes aren't just right, it could result in economic contraction, which itself could trigger another debt downgrade and further thwart GDP growth.

So you see? We're hosed either way!

The good news is, our Forefathers saw this coming.

Having just fought the Revolutionary War to gain independence from Britain, the Framers of the U.S. Constitution knew, firsthand, that over time, the government itself can become the plague.

Or as Lawrence Lessig says in his book, *Republic Lost...*

"Sometimes an institution becomes too sick to fix itself. Not that the institution is necessarily blind to its own sickness. But that it doesn't have the capacity, or will, to do anything about it."



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Understanding this, the Framers added to our Constitution an ingenious escape hatch.

Although it's never been used in the history of this proud country, it's the only plausible strategy for forcing fundamental reform to our Congress.

We're calling it "The Framers' Secret Resolution."

Again, our forefathers bequeathed this gift upon us in case of an emergency. We now have a fundamental responsibility to use it, right?

We're Calling For A CONVENTION!

"If we do not provide against corruption, our government will soon be at an end." –George Mason, Virginia Delegate to the U.S. Constitutional Convention and one of America's Founding Fathers.

Mason made that declaration in 1787. And what was true then still applies today.

Back then, the United States was fresh off its victorious battle for independence with Britain, which triggered the rise of the greatest superpower in world history.

But amid all the hope, a newly liberated America was struggling to find its identity. Ironically, like its British predecessor, its early political system was rife with corruption.

As Washington's powerbase was forming, greed often trumped morals.

Sounds familiar, right?

In 1787, Congress convened in Philadelphia with the



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“sole and express” purpose to make it possible for the Constitution to be amended, as needed. It accomplished this extraordinary feat in two very distinct ways:

- 1) **By Congressional mandate.**
- 2) **By calling for a convention.**

To date, all 27 amendments have come forth via the traditional route, where Congress proposes an amendment and then the states ratify it.

But, as Lessig says, “Sometimes an institution, like an individual, needs an intervention from people, from friends, from outside.”

Knowing this, the Framers forever etched their secret resolution onto the parchment....

...that Congress must “call a convention” to consider proposals to amend the Constitution if two-thirds of the state legislators ask it to. Period!

In other words, Americans can, in effect, supersede Congress if the masses can somehow all get behind a game-changing idea, and influence their local leaders to move on it.

It’s a daunting task.

However, even though it’s never been done, the specter of a convention alone can scare Congress into taking action.

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The Early MOVEMENT

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It's "people power" at work – the same people who currently give Congress a pathetically low approval rating.

Or as Abraham Lincoln argued, Constitutional amendments should start at the ground level – with ordinary people – and work their way up.

And it's about time we get to work!

First and foremost, though, we need a central idea – one that will serve as the rallying cry of the people.

Perhaps it's campaign finance reform. Or requiring a balanced budget. Or term limits (*my personal favorite*).

With so much corruption in politics, rallying around a big idea is actually the easy part.

The hard part is organizing a movement strong enough to support a convention. And the only way to do that is at the local level.

It could happen by organizing what Lessig calls "shadow conventions" at town hall meetings, church gatherings, pep rallies, on college campuses – wherever such discussions among passionate civilians occur.

Of course, the power of technology and other social media can help enormously, as well.

But even organizing shadow conventions is too ambitious at this stage of the game.



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For now, since we're so early in the movement, our most worthwhile endeavor is simply raising public awareness of The Framers' Secret Resolution – calling for a convention.

In the end, a convention isn't about whether you lean to the left or the right.

It's not about whether you're Republican or Democrat, or whether you live in a Red state or a Blue state.

It has nothing to do with race, ethnicity, or your religious beliefs.

It's simply about one thing:

Reform.

And since Congress is far too sick to rely on a moment longer, it's time we use the power granted to us by our Forefathers to spark the reform ourselves.

We'll continue to do our part to raise awareness here at *Wall Street Daily* by 1) continuing to aggressively push this report through an array of media channels, and 2) writing about potential convention platforms in our articles.

But we need your help in whatever capacity you can offer.

Forward this report to a friend... post it on your **Facebook** (FB) page... "tweet" about it... mention it in your blog... every bit helps!

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them." – Thomas Jefferson

I ask you... Are you happy with the present state of our once-proud nation?

Here's to hoping you do your part before it's too late,



Jason Williams



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