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Letter to the Editor

From: Dan Simpson dsimpson@undisclosed.com>
Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 12:17 PM
To: Nicholas Gardiner <enpg@gardinerint.com>,
Subject: Re: Essay by Cogswell and TPP website

Dear Sir,

Cogswell's ideas are good for a start, if implemented, but the essay doesn't meet the question of how we get there from here.

State legislatures, two-thirds of which would need to request the constitutional convention, are easily as bad if not worse than the U.S. Congress. They are corrupt, full of people who work the same way as Members of Congress, and are just as interested in money and staying in office, their highest priority. (In Pennsylvania we have sent a number of them to prison.)

They are hand-in-glove with, and to some extent part of, America's less-than-one-percent elite, who don't give a about the well being of the rest of the population. I don't know what we do about it -- about them, those who govern us. For a brief moment I thought that the "Occupy" movement might be a start, but that hope faded quickly in the face of their total lack of focus. ("Save the timber rattler" alongside of "tax reform.")

I sometimes think that the answer might lie not too far back in French history -- the satisfying whine and "chunk" of the guillotine. We could work on a list!

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