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Dear Friends and Patriots:

It is too bad that the voters of Kazakhstan can change their constitution to preserve freedom while we cannot.

Why can't we do something like this

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Kazakhs voted overwhelmingly to approve constitutional changes that limit presidential power and strengthen democracy. Since independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, the Central Asian country of nearly 19 million people had long operated under an authoritarian system led by President Nursultan Nazarbayev. When he stepped down in 2019, he left an array of measures in place to maintain his influence.

The changes were proposed by Mr. Nazarbayev's hand-picked successor, President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, in the wake of violent protests this past January over economic and political grievances. The historic reforms amend one-third of the articles of the Kazakh Constitution, bolstering the role of Parliament, reestablishing a constitutional court, and putting an end to the former president's powers and privileges. One amendment annuls Mr. Nazarbayev's right to overrule local or regional leaders; another prohibits his relatives from holding office. Only 19% of voters voiced their opposition in the June 5 referendum, while 77% backed the reforms, with a turnout of over two-thirds of eligible voters.

DEUTSCHE WELLE, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



Rather, we are going the way of Tunisia whose voters adhered to democracy until on July 25th when they decided a dictator would give them "a better life". Journalists reported the reasons why Tunisians would do this, as follows.

- "Freedom and liberty mean nothing if we can't live comfortably."
- "We have a lot of freedoms, but we didn't get a better life."
- "The democratic system simply did not address decades-old inequality, corruption, unemployment, and crumbling public services."
- "Where is my right to decent medical care and social security . . . free movement and transportation . . . the state is not offering this."
- "...despite winning plaudits from the West . . . Political parties only looked out for their own interests..."

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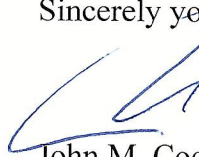
In the meantime, two law professors, one from Yale and the other from Harvard, argue, without any reference to Article V of the Constitution permitting changes, that the Constitution should be dumped and replaced by the values of the majority and their "elected officials" as though elected officials are somehow superior to the average citizen in America. Their arguments, unsupported by history and human nature, are inviting a revolution.

As I noted in a prior letter that exponential progress in technology will raise issues our Congress is incapable of resolving. No wonder Chinese leader Xi Jinping during a May speech to Naval Academy graduates said autocracies will rule the world because democracies can't keep pace with rapid change.

Why not change the Constitution as permitted by Article V? Why doesn't Congress propose ways to fix it? The reasons are clear. Its elected officials governed by ambition are more interested in money and power which override their concern for our country. We can ask without avail: Where is Hubert Humphrey and Harry Truman? They went into Congress broke and came out the same way.

Since Congress won't fix the Constitution, we think the states in convention should give it a try. We are working to accomplish this. We need your help. If we can't get this job done, count on our voters in due course to be like those in Tunisia.

Sincerely yours,



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