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allies have similarly pointed to opportunities to enact change during a real or contrived “crisis” that could befall our nation.

Beginning in the mid-1980s, and continuing to this day, threats to the Constitution posed by Burns and others, whether radical amendments or a complete overhaul via a constitutional convention, have been successfully blocked by the efforts of [The John Birch Society](#), its affiliated magazine *The New American*, and several allies. While the plans of James MacGregor Burns weren’t enacted, the fight to preserve the Constitution continues.

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