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## WERE THE ANTI-FEDERALISTS RIGHT IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION?

*Expert's debate the Anti-Federalists at University of Colorado-Boulder  
as part of ISI's Cicero's Podium series*

**Boulder, CO—September 4, 2009**—The Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI), a national educational organization headquartered in Wilmington, Delaware, will co-sponsor a debate with The Center for Western Civilization on the topic “Were the Anti-Federalists Right to Oppose the U.S. Constitution?” **Gary L. Gregg**, Mitch McConnell Chair in Leadership at the University of Louisville and Director of the McConnell Center and **Bill Kauffman**, American political writer, will examine this issue.

**The event will be held Thursday, September 17, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Eaton Humanities Hall 150 at the University of Colorado-Boulder, Boulder, CO 80309, and is free and open to the public.**

The American colonies rebelled against its governing British monarchy in an outcry of “no taxation without representation.” The colonies declared to the world certain “unalienable rights...that whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it.” Does the Constitution infringe upon our rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Or, does it protect them?

**Gary Gregg** will argue that the federal government exists to secure these rights. For more than 200 years the Constitution has provided a relatively stable government, leaving the American relatively free. **Bill Kauffman**, on the other hand, will pose that the central government should not have more authority than its states if the people are to remain free and self-regulatory. He takes up the cause with Patrick Henry that the Constitution was not a charter of liberty, but, instead, fastened upon the American states “the ropes and chains of consolidation.”

Founded in 1953, ISI works “to educate for liberty”—to identify the best and brightest college students and to nurture in these future leaders the American ideal of ordered liberty.

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