

ArticleTheFirst.org Website Review

Website reviewed: ArticleTheFirst.org

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1. Overall position

ArticleTheFirst.org is a very brief, single-page website devoted exclusively to Article the First.

Its complete public message is essentially:

- Pass Article the First.
- Article the First is identified as the Congressional Apportionment Amendment.
- Ratification would provide fairer representation in the House.
- Twenty-seven additional states are needed.
- The 1992 ratification of Article the Second—the Twenty-Seventh Amendment—provides a relevant historical precedent.
- Visitors are directed to outside websites and communities for additional information.
- A contact email is provided.

Unlike Thirty-Thousand.org and ArticleTheFirst.net, this site supports completing ratification. However, it supplies very little independent explanation, documentation or practical instruction.

The website is a single-page resource with a contact email. Any activity occurring outside the website is beyond the scope of this comparison.

2. Core-message chart



3. Alignment with ATFI

ArticleTheFirst.org aligns closely with ATFI on the ultimate goal:

- Article the First is its exclusive subject.
- The amendment should be completed through ratification.
- Twenty-seven additional states are identified as necessary.
- Fairer representation in the House is the stated purpose.
- Article the Second's eventual ratification in 1992 is treated as relevant precedent.
- The site recognizes that Article the First remains an unfinished constitutional proposal.

- It directs readers toward additional educational resources.

This is the closest alignment concerning the final ratification destination.

4. Central difference from ATFI

The difference is depth and method:

ArticleTheFirst.org announces the destination. ATFI provides the educational, documentary and state-action pathway for reaching it.

ArticleTheFirst.org does not provide:

- a historical account of the twelve proposed articles;
- the complete text and explanation of Article the First;
- congressional journals or original documents;
- state ratification records;
- an explanation of the eleven documented ratifying states;
- treatment of Connecticut;
- analysis of "less" versus "more";
- an explanation of the mathematical paradox;
- an interpretation of the amendment at today's population;
- state-by-state ratification materials;
- public classes or studies;
- collaborative research opportunities; or
- an identifiable continuing program of activity.

ATFI's distinction is therefore not a different goal. It is the comprehensive structure being built around that shared goal.

5. Verification findings

Twenty-seven additional states

The website's statement that 27 states remain is consistent with ATFI's documentary conclusion:

- Article V presently requires 38 of 50 states.
- ATFI has documented eleven historical ratifications.
- Therefore, 27 additional ratifications would reach 38.

The site does not explain this calculation or identify the eleven states. ATFI has already completed and published that underlying state research.

Present constitutional status

The site describes Article the First as something that can still be passed. That aligns with ATFI's position that the proposal remains pending because Congress attached no ratification deadline.

The National Archives says Article 1 was never ratified, but its enrolled resolution confirms that Congress proposed it to the state legislatures under Article V.

[National Archives](#)

Article the Second precedent

The website links to information about the 1992 ratification of Article the Second. This is a sound and highly relevant precedent:

- It was proposed with Article the First in 1789.
- It had no congressional ratification deadline.

- It remained pending for more than two centuries.
- It became the Twenty-Seventh Amendment in 1992.

The precedent supports the continuing availability of Article the First, although every amendment still presents its own textual and legal questions.

"Congressional Apportionment Amendment"

The site calls Article the First the "Congressional Apportionment Amendment." This is a commonly used modern descriptive title, but it was not the formal title assigned by Congress in 1789.

The enrolled resolution simply called it "Article the first." ATFI's use of the historical name is therefore more faithful to the original document.

Lack of independent documentation

The website provides no primary documents of its own. Its factual foundation depends almost entirely upon external links.

That does not make the site inaccurate, but it limits its usefulness as an independent research source.

Conflicting outside resources

Two of the site's principal links lead to:

- Thirty-Thousand.org
- ArticleTheFirst.net

This is noteworthy because both sites presently oppose or replace ratification:

- Thirty-Thousand.org expressly advises against ratifying the transmitted text.

- ArticleTheFirst.net favors achieving the 50,000-person district principle through congressional legislation.

ArticleTheFirst.org supports ratification while directing readers to resources that reach a different conclusion. The site does not explain those differences.

ATFI can improve upon this by labeling outside resources and briefly explaining where each agrees and disagrees with ATFI.

Broken external link

At the time of review, the LinkedIn link titled “America’s Golden Ratio” did not lead to an available article. That resource should be restored, replaced or removed if the site is actively maintained.

Ownership and continuing activity

The page supplies a contact email but does not identify:

- an author;
- an organization;
- a research team;
- leadership;
- publication dates;
- an update history; or
- current state-level activity.

The existence of the page can be confirmed, but its present level of organized activity cannot be determined from the website alone.

Public invitation

The site invites visitors to join the effort but provides no form, petition, state directory, educational course or legislative instructions. The invitation functions more as a declaration of support than an organized action pathway.

6. ATFI comparison chart

HOW THE WORK COMPARES		
ARTICLETHEFIRST.ORG • ARTICLE THE FIRST INITIATIVE™		
The same ratification destination—with very different levels of education, documentation and action		
COMPARISON POINT	ARTICLETHEFIRST.ORG	ARTICLE THE FIRST INITIATIVE™
Primary focus	✓ Article the First exclusively	✓ Article the First exclusively
Ratification goal	✓ Pass Article the First; 27 additional states	✓ Education followed by ratification in 27 additional states
Historical account	● No independent historical narrative; links to outside explanations	✓ Teaches the full congressional and state ratification history
Original documents	● No congressional or state primary documents displayed on the page	✓ Builds public access to original congressional and state documents
State records	● States the number remaining but does not document the eleven prior states	✓ Completed and published eleven-state documentary ratification research
Wording and mathematics	● Does not explain "less," "more," the three tiers or the paradox	✓ Explains the wording, three-tier formula and mathematical paradox
Citizen education	● A concise introduction and collection of external educational links	✓ Website, classes, presentations, book studies and publications
Practical state action	● Invites people to join, but supplies no state-by-state pathway or materials	✓ Develops practical education and state-by-state ratification materials
Organization and activity	● Single landing page with contact email; ownership and ongoing work are unclear	✓ Active independent initiative with continuing research and collaboration
The central distinction		
ArticleTheFirst.org states the same destination in a few words and directs visitors elsewhere. ATFI supplies the education, documentary foundation, collaboration and state-action pathway.		
✓ Central feature • ● Not provided or approached differently		

7. Final classification

A concise Article the First ratification landing page that shares ATFI's 27-state destination but provides little independent education, documentation, organizational identity or practical state-action support.

ArticleTheFirst.org is aligned with ATFI's goal and should be treated as a friendly ratification reference. ATFI's distinctive contribution is turning that brief declaration into a documented educational and state-by-state undertaking.