

New Directions in Congressional Politics



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Rethinking the Role of Congress in American Politics

Congress is the first branch of the United States government, and it is one of the most important. It is responsible for making laws, declaring war, and overseeing the executive branch. However, in recent years, Congress has faced a number of challenges, including:

- Partisanship and polarization
- Gridlock
- Public trust declines.

These challenges have led many to question the role of Congress in American politics. Some have argued that Congress is no longer capable of governing effectively. Others have called for reforms to the institution, such as term limits or a change in the way members are elected.

New Directions in Congressional Politics explores the changing role of Congress in American politics. The book offers a comprehensive analysis of the institution, its members, and its processes, and it provides a series of innovative proposals for reform. The book is divided into three parts:

1. **Part I: The Crisis of Congress**
2. **Part II: Rethinking the Role of Congress**
3. **Part III: Proposals for Reform**

In Part I, the authors argue that Congress is facing a crisis of legitimacy. They point to the decline in public trust in Congress, the rise of partisanship and polarization, and the increasing gridlock in the legislative process. They argue that these challenges have made it difficult for Congress to fulfill its constitutional responsibilities.

In Part II, the authors rethink the role of Congress in American politics. They argue that Congress should focus on its core functions, such as lawmaking, oversight, and representation. They also argue that Congress should be more responsive to the needs of the American people and more accountable for its actions.

In Part III, the authors propose a series of reforms to Congress. These reforms include:

- Changing the way members are elected
- Term limits
- Campaign finance reform

- Ethics reform
- Process reforms

The authors argue that these reforms would help to restore Congress to its rightful place as the first branch of government. They believe that Congress can and should play a vital role in American politics, but that it needs to be reformed in Free Download to do so.

About the Authors

Thomas E. Mann is a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. He is the co-author of several books on Congress, including *The Broken Branch: How Congress Is Failing America* and *Gridlock: How Congress Works and What We Can Do to Make It Work Better*.

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Reviews

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—**David M. Kennedy, Director, Institute of Politics, Harvard University**

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