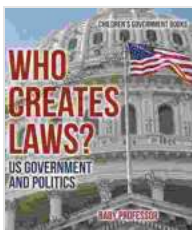


# Who Creates Laws in the US? A Comprehensive Guide

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## Congress

Congress is the primary lawmaking body in the United States. It is composed of two chambers: the House of Representatives and the Senate. The House of Representatives is made up of 435 members, each of whom represents a congressional district. The Senate is composed of 100 members, two from each state.

Bills can be introduced in either the House of Representatives or the Senate. Once a bill is introduced, it is assigned to a committee for review. The committee will hold hearings on the bill and make recommendations to the full chamber.

If the bill is passed by the committee, it will be debated on the floor of the House or Senate. If the bill is passed by both chambers, it will be sent to the President for his signature.

## **The President**

The President is responsible for signing bills into law. However, the President can also veto a bill, which prevents it from becoming law. If the President vetoes a bill, it can be overridden by a two-thirds vote of both the House and Senate.

In addition to signing bills into law, the President can also issue executive orders. Executive orders have the force of law, but they can be overturned by Congress.

## **The Supreme Court**

The Supreme Court is the highest court in the United States. It is responsible for interpreting the Constitution and laws of the United States. The Supreme Court can strike down laws that it finds to be unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court is composed of nine justices. Justices are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Justices serve for life.

## **The Legislative Process**

The legislative process is the process by which laws are made. It can be a long and complex process.

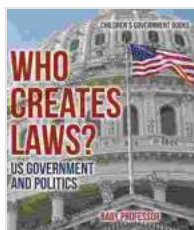
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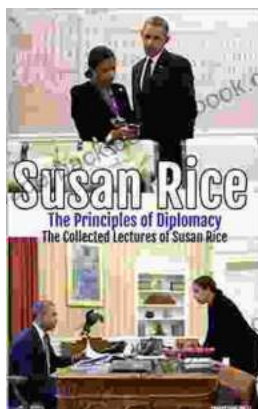
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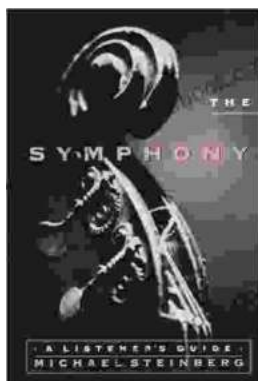
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