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THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

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The Founders wanted Congress to be the “First Branch” of government. Today, it is less popular than Nickelback, and has seen its influence in domestic politics shrink. What happened? In this class we’ll explain how Congress has changed over time, how bills become laws today, and why members of Congress get re-elected ~90% of the time despite Congress itself being less popular than headlice or a root canal.

THE **TWO** BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

