

# THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS: AN OWNER'S MANUAL

An Insider's Guide to the Legislative Process - How It Works,  
Why It Often Doesn't, and How To Fix It

Who better than a former Congressman who is also a Clinical Psychologist to help us understand Congress and politics today? Dr. Brian Baird, a six-term Member of Congress tells the inside story of how Congress really works (or doesn't), the secrets to effective advocacy, possible fixes to the broken system and what it all means for the future of law and the nation.

Baird combines real world insights, surprising facts, practical examples and humor into the most enjoyable, frightening and inspiring talk about our government and the people in it.

## Program Highlights

- How the fight for election influences everything else
- How the legislative process is supposed to work and how it works in practice
- Authorization, Appropriation and Taxation
- The 10 reasons members of Congress do things
- How lobbyists influence Congress
- The dangers of partisanship and the appeal of authoritarianism
- How lawyers can help heal out system

60 to 90  
minutes



**Brian Baird** served the people of southwest Washington for six terms in Congress and was known and respected for taking principled stands, working with both sides of the aisle and fighting to improve the practices and ethics of Congress. A licensed clinical psychologist, university president, author, consultant and recognized as "the funniest celebrity in Washington",

In addition to his background in government, clinical practice, and academia, Dr. Baird has worked in industry, written three books and made frequent media appearances on national and regional programs. Participants in Brian's courses consistently rate the experience among the most informative, valuable, engaging and entertaining of their careers.



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