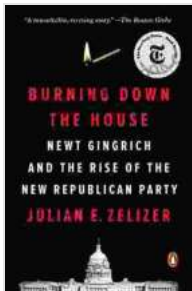


# Newt Gingrich and the Rise of the New Republican Party

Newt Gingrich was a key figure in the rise of the New Republican Party. He served as Speaker of the House from 1995 to 1999 and was a leading advocate for conservative policies. During his time in Congress, Gingrich helped to pass a number of important laws, including the Contract with America. He also played a major role in the impeachment of President Bill Clinton.



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Gingrich was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1943. He attended Emory University and Georgia State University, where he earned a degree in history. After graduating from college, Gingrich worked as a professor of history at West Georgia College. He entered politics in 1978, when he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives.

In 1979, Gingrich was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. He quickly became a rising star in the Republican Party. In 1994, Gingrich was elected Speaker of the House. He was the first Republican to hold the position in 40 years.

As Speaker of the House, Gingrich was a leading advocate for conservative policies. He helped to pass a number of important laws, including the Contract with America. The Contract with America was a set of conservative proposals that Gingrich and other Republicans had campaigned on in the 1994 elections. The Contract included proposals to cut taxes, reduce government spending, and increase defense spending.

Gingrich also played a major role in the impeachment of President Bill Clinton. In 1998, Clinton was impeached by the House of Representatives on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice. Gingrich was one of the leading advocates for impeachment. Clinton was acquitted by the Senate, but the impeachment process was a major political victory for Gingrich and the Republicans.

Gingrich resigned as Speaker of the House in 1999. He has since continued to be active in politics. He has written a number of books and has been a frequent commentator on political issues.

Gingrich's legacy is complex and controversial. He is a polarizing figure who has been both praised and criticized for his role in American politics. However, there is no doubt that he was a major figure in the rise of the New Republican Party.

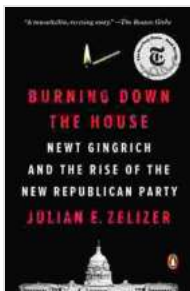
## **Gingrich's Impact on the Republican Party**

Gingrich's impact on the Republican Party was profound. He helped to shift the party to the right on a number of issues. He also helped to create a more aggressive and confrontational style of politics. This style of politics has been criticized by some, but it has also been effective in mobilizing the Republican base.

Gingrich's legacy is likely to be debated for years to come. However, there is no doubt that he was a major figure in the rise of the New Republican Party.

## Further Reading

- Newt Gingrich on Britannica.com
- Newt Gingrich Reaches End of Presidential Campaign in The New York Times
- Newt Gingrich's Impact on the Republican Party in The Washington Post

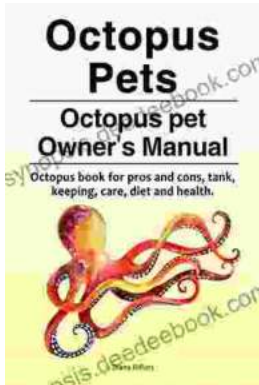


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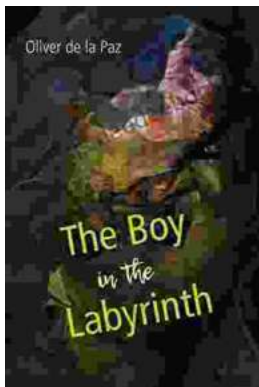
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