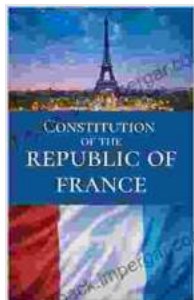


# The Constitution of the Republic of France: A Comprehensive Guide



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The Constitution of the Republic of France is the supreme law of the country. It defines the structure of the government, the rights of citizens, and the relationship between the state and religion. The Constitution has been amended several times since it was first adopted in 1958, but its basic principles remain the same.

## Structure of the Government

The Constitution establishes a semi-presidential system of government. The president is the head of state and is elected by popular vote for a five-year term. The president appoints the prime minister, who is the head of government. The prime minister is responsible for leading the government and implementing its policies.

The French Parliament is a bicameral legislature. The National Assembly is the lower house and has 577 members. The Senate is the upper house

and has 348 members. Both the National Assembly and the Senate are elected by popular vote for five-year terms.

## **Rights of Citizens**

The Constitution guarantees a number of rights to citizens, including the right to life, liberty, and property. The Constitution also guarantees freedom of speech, religion, and the press.

## **Relationship Between the State and Religion**

The Constitution establishes a secular state. This means that the state is not affiliated with any religion and does not favor one religion over another. However, the Constitution does allow for the free exercise of religion.

## **History of the Constitution**

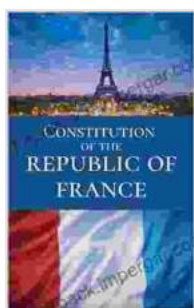
The first Constitution of the Republic of France was adopted in 1791. This Constitution established a constitutional monarchy. However, the monarchy was overthrown in 1792 and a republic was established. The First Republic lasted until 1804, when Napoleon Bonaparte seized power and established the First Empire.

The First Empire was overthrown in 1814 and the monarchy was restored. The monarchy lasted until 1848, when a revolution led to the establishment of the Second Republic. The Second Republic lasted until 1852, when Napoleon III seized power and established the Second Empire.

The Second Empire was overthrown in 1870 and the Third Republic was established. The Third Republic lasted until 1940, when France was defeated by Nazi Germany in World War II.

After World War II, a new Constitution was adopted in 1946. This Constitution established the Fourth Republic. The Fourth Republic lasted until 1958, when it was replaced by the Fifth Republic. The Fifth Republic is the current government of France.

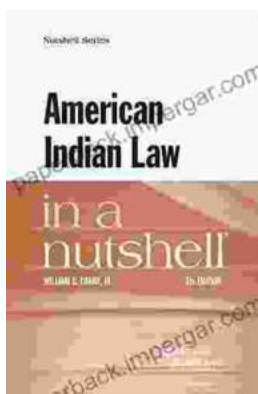
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