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From Nick Capodice & Hannah McCarthy, the hosts of New Hampshire Public Radio's Civics 101, and New Yorker cartoonist Tom Toro, *A User's Guide to Democracy* is a lively crash course in everything you should know about how the US government works. Do you know what the Secretary of Defense does all day? Are you sure you know the difference between the House and the Senate? Have you been pretending you know what Federalism is for the last 20 years? Don't worry--you're not alone. The American government and its processes can be dizzyingly complex and obscure. Until now. Within this book are the keys to knowing what you're talking about when you argue politics with the uncle you only see at Thanksgiving. It's the book that sits on your desk for quick reference when the nightly news boggles your mind. This approachable and informative guide gives you the lowdown on everything from the three branches of government, to what you can actually do to make your vote count, to how our founding documents affect our daily lives. Now is the time to finally understand who does what, how they do it, and the best way to get them to listen to you. Learn the rules of the English language with this easy and engaging style guide. Grammar is complicated. But many textbooks and style guides are often so long and tedious that even English teachers use them as a classroom doorstop. *Grammar 101* is a fun, comprehensive guide focusing on the essentials of grammar. With simple explanations and entertaining examples, you can learn everything you need to know to employ commas, semicolons, and em dashes with confidence. You'll even be prepared to wrangle your run-on sentences and sharpen your syntax with ease. So whether you're looking for an introduction to the rules of grammar or a refresher to keep on your desk, *Grammar 101* has all the answers.

The Basics of American Government is a collaborative effort among eight current and one former faculty members in the Departments of Political Science and Criminal Justice at University of North Georgia. The purpose of this book is to offer a no-frills, low-cost, yet comprehensive overview of the American political system for students taking introductory courses in American national government. Furthermore, the work combines the best aspects of both a traditional textbook and a reader in that most chapters offer a piece of original scholarship as a case study to bolster or reinforce the material presented in the chapter. In addition, many chapters present a civic engagement-type exercise and discussion questions intended to challenge, engage, and foster student participation in the political system. The authors undertook this project for several

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reasons, most notably the high costs of textbooks for students and the lack of college-level scholarship found in most American Government texts. This 375-page, peer-reviewed, edited book that combines traditional material with original scholarship will cost students \$27.99, well below market standards. All of the authors are experienced classroom instructors, subject matter experts, and published researchers in the field of American politics.

America is currently undergoing a massive political and cultural change. While many of our societal changes have been positive, there are just as many negative pathways that we are pursuing, and these paths are threatening the very core values of the United States. From the perspective of a young, rural Northern Michigan resident, I highlight the most major cultural shifts that our nation is facing, and what the consequences are and more importantly, what can be done to either alleviate or reverse these dangerous changes. I began writing this book when I was sixteen years old and finished when I was eighteen. Even up here in the secluded north, I've experienced some of these changes first-hand, and how they effect the local community. From an increasing over-dependence on technology to the resurgence of racism that cloaks itself as 'equality' and 'tolerance' to the silencing of free speech and free thought; these ideologies are extremely hazardous to the sanctity of our nation. Our culture is vigorously attempting to copy the cultures of the very same countries that we have fought with blood and sweat to be different from them. We have always prided ourselves as being unique and different, and it has worked quite well for us. Why should we abandon that identity now, even as we sit as the world's economic, militaristic, and influential superpower? This book summarizes all of these key questions and more. So if you're interested at all about the future of this nation and are cautious about the changes in our culture, then this book is perfect for you.

Americana A Civics Handbook, Second Edition is new and improved. With about 100 additional pages, there is so much more information! As in the first edition, there is a concise, chronological accounting, focusing on the early years of America. Included are narrative facts from Colonial times and the Revolutionary War era, leading up to the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, as well as the Bill of Rights. Also included is information about the Presidents, First Ladies, the Original Thirteen Colonies, Three Branches of Government, the Fifty States, National Symbols, Electoral College and more. Additionally, the U.S. Citizenship Test of 100 questions (with and without the answers) is newly included, and is excellent for civics studies as well as an aid to citizenship studies. There is a special note on the National Parks...their history and how they preserve our American heritage. There are so many sites of historic importance as well as areas of natural beauty preserved for our benefit. There are lists of the National Parks related to Colonial and Revolutionary War times, Sites of Remembrance (for our Veterans), and of our most cherished National Parks. There are over 50 pages of historical sketches and images - with new images

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and more descriptions about them. Book is 8.5" x 11" with better and larger images. There is so much more in this Second Edition. Everyone should have a copy!

Based on the Full Edition of American Government: Power and Purpose, but with a simpler framework, the Fourteenth Brief Edition combines authoritative, concise coverage of the central topics in American politics with smart pedagogical features designed to get students thinking analytically. The Fourteenth Edition has been thoroughly updated through the 2016 elections, and now brings an analytical perspective to current policy issues in new "Policy Principle" sections. The stakes have never been higher: national security, civil liberties, the economy, the future of the republic. Yet few outside Washington actually understand how our government and political system should work, much less how it actually operates. On one level, it's a complex, interlocking world veiled in power brokering, bureaucracy, and big money. On another, it's the biggest, richest, most influential organization in the world, for better or worse. Understanding how modern America is managed and governed is more vital than ever, but television, radio, newspapers, and social media frequently aim to spin, seduce, and sell product rather than serve anything resembling the truth. Filling the breach and answering basic questions about how our very complex government operates and what it promises, *The Handy American Government Answer Book: How Washington, Politics, and Elections Work* takes a comprehensive look at the systems, people, and policies that comprise American democracy, providing much-needed clarity to the current political drama. This informative book traces the historic development of the government, the functions of each branch of government, and how they work together. It provides clear and concise definitions of who does what and why. Written in an entertaining, reader-friendly, question-and-answer format, *The Handy American Government Answer Book* deciphers the news behind the headlines through well-researched answers to nearly 800 common questions. You will also read about such fascinating tidbits as ...

- Why is America's democratic system considered so precious?
- How are shifting demographics related to the electorate?
- What can Americans do to influence their government?
- Did the framers of the Constitution place equal weight on the concepts of liberty, equality, and democracy?
- What does "checks and balances" mean?
- What generally happens when members of Congress act inappropriately?
- How many presidents have been impeached?
- How does a case reach the U.S. Supreme Court?
- Which president appointed the most justices?
- How do civil liberties differ from civil rights?
- How does the Bill of Rights protect individual liberties?
- Is measuring public opinion a new phenomenon in politics?
- What does the concept "majority rule with minority rights" mean?
- Why has trust in the government declined?
- What does it mean to lobby?
- How are PAC donations and political decisions linked?
- Where do the party symbols of the donkey and the elephant come from?
- What is electoral realignment?
- Who pays for the campaigns of candidates?
- Did the electoral

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college ever vote unanimously for a president? This handy primer also includes numerous illustrations, graphs, tables, a helpful bibliography, and an extensive index, adding to its usefulness. In the midst of the overheated rhetoric of the moment and the fast-changing, crisis-dominated world, a well-informed citizenry armed with The Handy American Government Answer Book is the best defense against political and corporate chicanery!

Mansourou comes out of the gate firing and does not relent in this criticism of religious notions and influence. Rather than refer to religion in general terms or acts in the name of religion, Mansourou attacks religious undertones and what is not often looked at in religious subtext along with modern religious theology for their shallow and vacant themes in today's complex society.

The textbook Political Science Basics helps you learn the fundamentals of the American Government while digging deeper into theory and history. This textbook provides easy-to-read chapters through fundamental core concepts found in most American Government 101 classes. Students are offered sophisticated and rigorous learning of American Government in a simple and easy-to-understand format. Political Science Basics also provides students with study questions to prepare for examinations at the end of each chapter, ensuring ease of learning.

He was famous for telling stories. He could always make the story interesting. He had a way of seeing the best or funniest of every situation. He wrote down over 180 of his best stories in his last few years for all his family and friends. You will laugh, and relate to the stories of childhood, school years, and growing up during the depression. From his northern New Jersey, small town home he shares what it was like growing up in the 20's and 30's. From logging to working with horses, the stories provide a great view of the life style from that time period.

To understand the world events today, you need to understand American politics.

Exploring the principles enshrined in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, Jon Roper provides a sharp analysis of how history has shaped the way America governs itself. Examining the recent emergence of the right-wing Tea Party movement, President Obama's administration, American foreign policy, and the role of powerful lobbies, this is the perfect primer for anyone interested in the world's most powerful (and controversial) country.

A guide to the most relevant issues in contemporary American politics provides nonpartisan coverage of a range of topics from the war in Iraq and climate change to the economy and renewable energy sources.

The defeat of House Majority Leader Eric Cantor on June 10, 2014, was the most stunning upset in modern political history. Shown by his own polling to be leading by 34 points in the Virginia district he'd represented fourteen years, outspending little-known primary opponent Dave Brat 40-1, Cantor - widely presumed to be the next Speaker - was crushed by eleven points. Typically, the elite media had totally missed the story, buying into the narrative of Cantor-the-inevitable. Meanwhile the Brat campaign was putting together a vast, highly motivated grassroots army that day by day, voter by voter, was exposing Cantor for who he really was: not the staunch 'young gun' conservative he played on TV, but one of the nation's leading RINOs (Republican in Name Only), indifferent to his constituents, deeply self-interested and a key behind-the-scenes Democrat enabler on Obamacare, immigration and spending. The architects of

that remarkable, against-all-odds victory were 23-year old Zach Werrell and 24-year old Gray Delany. In 'How to Bag a RINO,' they reveal in detail how it was achieved, and why it is a model for similar insurgent GOP campaigns across America as grassroots Republicans fight to take back their party, and the country. "This is the book the Republican Establishment does NOT want you to read" - Peter Schweizer, author of 'Clinton Cash' and 'Throw Them All Out.'

The Versailles Treaty after WWI "Mandated Islands" in the Pacific to the Japanese. President Roosevelt felt the Japanese were illegally installing military fortification on these "Mandated Islands" which was in direct violation of the WWI Treaty. Amelia Earhart, a popular female pilot who set many aviation records, wanted to increase her popularity by flying around-the-world. This would be a huge accomplishment that no pilot, man or woman, had attempted before. She left California, March 17, 1937, in a twin-engine Lockheed Electra and flew to Honolulu on the first leg of her historic flight with Fred Noonan and Harry Manning as her navigators. Unfortunately, she crashed on take-off and her Electra was so badly damaged, it had to be shipped back to the Lockheed plant in California for repairs. Amelia and her publisher husband, George Putnam didn't have the money to repair her Electra and make another attempt to fly around-the-world, so Mr. Putnam approached President Roosevelt and asked if the U.S. government could help? FDR had met Amelia previously and knew of her plans to fly around-the-world. In 1937, FDR believed the Japanese were illegally preparing for war on "Mandated" islands in the Pacific. Marine Colonel Earl Ellis tried to sneak into Truk Atoll to gather information, but was caught on the island of Palau and killed. FDR believed that maybe a civilian pilot who was going to fly around-the-world might have a better chance to obtain the information he needed, so agreed to help Amelia on her request. But, FDR only did so, if Amelia would agree to take a few pictures of Japanese island fortifications along the way. Although a staunch 'pacifist' Amelia agreed to the president's stipulations. The U.S. government helped plan her second attempt, provided her plane with larger engines, installed additional fuel tanks and reconnaissance cameras, but did so with little fanfare or publicity. Instead of flying from East to West as she planned on her first attempt, she flew West to East with only Fred Noonan as her navigator. Prior to her flight it's reported she was sworn into the Army Air Force as an officer and confided to a friend, "Imagine me being a spy!" Amelia left California on May 21st and headed for Miami, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Africa, India, Bangkok, Singapore and Dutch East Indies, where Mr. F.O. Furman, a Lockheed maintenance specialist, met Amelia and checked her Electra and cameras for 3-days. At each stop, 55-gallon drums of fuel would be waiting for her, even if she flew into a field that was not on her announced itinerary. She and Fred Noonan left Lae, New Guinea on July 1st, 1937 and headed for Howland Island, 2,556 miles away. The Coast Guard Cutter ITASCA waited just off Howland to handle all communications as she approached. Unfortunately, when Harry Manning was the designated navigator on her first attempt, he arranged for Navy ships to communicate with her in Morse Code. No one told the Navy vessels that Manning was no longer her navigator. Neither Amelia or Fred could read Morse Code! Amelia Earhart's Final Flight tells the story of how she crashed on Mili Atoll in the Marshall Islands, was captured by the Japanese, taken to Saipan where she was held in prison for several years before being killed. Eye-witnesses in the Marshall Islands and on Saipan provided the true accounts of what

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actually happened to Amelia on her historic flight, what happened when she was captured, how she was killed and reaction by U.S. and Japanese leaders. It also relates how U.S. Marines found Amelia's briefcase and also found her Electra on Saipan when they attacked in 1944. David O'Malley, a member of the Writers Guild, wrote an interesting screenplay that's based on these eye-witness reports. It gives a rational explanation why both the U.S. and Japan have kept Amelia's capture and death a secret since her Final Flight.

American Government: In the United States, the government gets its power to govern from the people. We have a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Citizens in the United States shape their government and its policies, so they must learn about important public issues and get involved in their communities.

Learning about American government helps you understand your rights and responsibilities and allows you to fully participate in the American political process. The Founders of this country decided that the United States should be a representative democracy. They wanted a nation ruled by laws, not by men. In a representative democracy, the people choose officials to make laws and represent their views and concerns in government. This book will help you understand the principles of American democracy, the U.S. system of government, and the important rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship.

By the People: Debating American Government, Brief Fourth Edition, reflects the dynamism of American government and politics with superior teaching and learning tools that prepare students to ENGAGE, THINK, and DEBATE now more than ever before. Using a storytelling approach that weaves commentary together with historical context, *By the People: Debating American Government* explores the themes and ideas that drive the great debates in American government and politics. It introduces students to big questions like "Who governs?" "How does our system of government work?" "What does government do?" and "Who are we?" By challenging students with these questions, the text encourages them to think about, engage with, and debate the merits of U.S. government and politics. *By the People* includes an individual user code to access a wealth of interactive digital learning tools and student exercises.

2004 Green Book, Background Material and Data on Programs Within the Jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means, March 2004. 18th edition. Provides information about Federal assistance programs, including: social security; medicare; supplemental security income; unemployment compensation; railroad retirement; trade adjustment assistance; Aid to Families with Dependent Children; child support enforcement; child care; child protection, foster care and adoption assistance; tax provisions; and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. 108th Congress, 2d Session.

The purpose of this study was to determine the effects of American Government 101 on students' political knowledge, internal efficacy, and confidence in government.

Furthermore, the study explores the role of structural and individual characteristics on post scores of all three dependent variables. The study employed a combination of qualitative and quantitative methodology. For the quantitative portion, a pre and post assessment tool was administered to American Government 101 students during the course of this study. In order to bolster the findings, a comparison group of students who did not complete American Government 101 during the course of the study. The qualitative element consisted of a thematic analysis of responses from a series of

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interviews with students who completed American Government 101. Findings from this study will be useful to instructors as they plan curriculum for future American Government 101 courses. Additionally, administrators will find the results of particular interest in the areas of hiring and course mapping. Finally, the study will be useful to students and the public at large who might be interested in the effects of political education at the college level.

REA's Crash Course for the AP® U.S. Government & Politics Exam - Gets You a Higher Advanced Placement® Score in Less Time Crash Course is perfect for the time-crunched student, the last-minute studier, or anyone who wants a refresher on the subject. Are you crunched for time? Have you started studying for your Advanced Placement® U.S. Government & Politics exam yet? How will you memorize everything you need to know before the test? Do you wish there was a fast and easy way to study for the exam AND boost your score? If this sounds like you, don't panic. REA's Crash Course for AP® U.S. Government & Politics is just what you need. Our Crash Course gives you: Targeted, Focused Review - Study Only What You Need to Know The Crash Course is based on an in-depth analysis of the AP® U.S. Government & Politics course description outline and actual AP® test questions. It covers only the information tested on the exam, so you can make the most of your valuable study time. Our easy-to-read format gives you a crash course in the major ideas and concepts in government and politics, including constitutional underpinnings of the U.S. government, political culture, federalism, civil rights/civil liberties, elections & campaigns, congress, the presidency & the executive branch, and more. Expert Test-taking Strategies Written by a former AP® teacher, the author's question-level strategy and advice explains how to handle the multiple-choice and free-response questions so you can raise your overall point score! Key Terms You Must Know Mastering AP® vocabulary terms is an easy way to increase your total score. Our AP® expert gives you the key terms all AP® U.S. Government & Politics students must know before test day. Take REA's FREE Practice Exam After studying the material in the Crash Course, go to the online REA Study Center and test what you've learned. Our free practice exam features timed testing, detailed explanations of answers, and automatic scoring analysis. The exam is balanced to include every topic and type of question found on the actual AP® exam, so you know you're studying the smart way. Whether you're cramming for the test at the last minute, looking for extra review, or want to study on your own in preparation for the exams - this is the study guide every AP® U.S. Government & Politics student must have. When it's crucial crunch time and your Advanced Placement® exam is just around the corner, you need REA's Crash Course for AP® U.S. Government & Politics!

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of the thirteen colonies, to the foundations of the constitution, to how elections work. You'll also find information about the history and context of current issues, like how Supreme Court justices are appointed; the electoral college and the popular vote; and how to get involved in the political process. Perfect for anyone looking for information on basic political processes, The Infographic Guide to American Government includes graphics that help simplify a range of topics from the Revolutionary War to all about a free press.

Presents an easy-to-understand discussion of the United States government, including the Constitution, civil liberties and rights, the different governmental branches, and how the original democracy of the nation differs from that of today.

Collects quick snapshots of historic and political events from American history from the Battles of Bunkerhill and Yorktown to the great recession.

All you need to know about elections, politics, and government! Too often, textbooks turn the noteworthy details of government into tedious discourse that would put even the president to sleep. American Government 101 cuts out the boring explanations, and instead provides a hands-on lesson that keeps you engaged as you learn. From the backstory of the Constitution to the institution of the Electoral College, this primer is packed with hundreds of entertaining tidbits and concepts to help you learn about how the government of the United States actually works. So whether you want to learn about how policies and laws are created, or just want to become a better-informed voter, American Government 101 has all the answers--even the ones you didn't know you were looking for.

When the student government of Utah Valley State College (now Utah Valley University) heard about Michael Moore's 2004 Slacker Tour, they thought he would be a great speaker that would create the intelligent debate that is the mainstay of college campuses across the U.S. They knew their choice would stir controversy in one of the most conservative counties in America, but they felt they could handle it. They were completely surprised, however, by the tremendous anti-liberal reaction to their choice -- a reaction that threatened violence, used bribery, applied political pressure, and ultimately failed to stop the student government, UVSC students, and the community from hearing Michael Moore.

If the confusion following the last presidential election is any indication, the average citizen knows precious little about the democratic system and the laws that affect their daily lives. The Everything American Government Book unravels the complexities of our democracy and provides readers with the knowledge necessary to make the right decisions and take an active role in the management of their country. From the roots of American government and the challenges that have helped shape it over the years to its current structure and systems, this thoroughly researched work is ideal for anyone brushing up on civics, as well as students of all ages. Readers learn about: The personalities and events that gave rise to our current system The real significance of the Bill of Rights and the Constitution The functions of each branch of government and how they work together Private sector's influence on public policy and decision-making Ways to get involved and make a difference Specially designed to inform and empower the average citizen during this critical election year, The Everything American Government Book provides the keys to understanding the ins and outs of the most powerful democracy in the world.

From the founding of the American government to the present-day challenges, this clearly explained text is a perfect guide for anyone who wants to be knowledgeable about the democratic system and the laws that affect the lives of Americans. It elucidates the complexity of the U.S. political system and provides readers with the information necessary to make them

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more engaged and competent participants in the American system of government. This book was designed for those who want to develop a better understanding of American political culture, structures, and governmental functions, as well as the relationships between the branches of government and associated institutions. The content is focused on an essential review of all the important facts, concepts, and theories of U.S. government and politics. You will learn about historical figures and important events that established the foundations of American government, the meaning and significance of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, how each branch of government functions and how they interact with each other, as well as the influence of special interest groups on policy and politics. Created by highly qualified political science teachers, scholars, and researchers, this book educates and empowers both the average and the highly informed American, helping them develop and increase their understanding of American democracy.

The Committee on House Administration is pleased to present this revised book on our United States Government. This publication continues to be a popular introductory guide for American citizens and those of other countries who seek a greater understanding of our heritage of democracy. The question-and-answer format covers a broad range of topics dealing with the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of our Government as well as the electoral process and the role of political parties.--Foreword.

Our American Government textbook adheres to the scope and sequence of introductory American government courses nationwide. We have endeavored to make the workings of American Government interesting and accessible to students while maintaining the conceptual coverage and rigor inherent in the subject at the college level. With this objective in mind, the content of this textbook has been developed and arranged to provide a logical progression from the fundamental principles of institutional design at the founding, to avenues of political participation, to thorough coverage of the political structures that constitute American government. The book builds upon what students have already learned and emphasizes connections between topics as well as between theory and applications. The goal of each section is to enable students not just to recognize concepts, but to work with them in ways that will be useful in later courses, future careers, and as engaged citizens. The organization and pedagogical features were developed and vetted with feedback from American government instructors dedicated to the project.

Learning about civics shouldn't be boring. How America Works gives teens a fun, behind-the-scenes look at how the U.S. government works, why they should care and how they can get involved. But this isn't just any old civics primer. Appealing graphics and a conversational tone draw readers in from the very first page. Political cartoons and debates spark critical thought. And age-appropriate explanations make even the most complex civics topics accessible and easy to understand. In short, this comprehensive guide has everything teens need to know about government and civic engagement (and probably don't). 11 easily digestible units From the Declaration of Independence to civil rights and immigration, How America Works helps readers understand the foundations of our nation and the key civic issues facing America today--without dry or complicated language. Ideas for civic engagement It's easy for teens to feel like the government doesn't matter to them. But when they see their interests and concerns reflected on every page, they'll feel empowered to get involved. And we've got plenty of ideas to help them out. Perfect for teachers or parents Your middle- and high-school students are the voters, active citizens, and community leaders of tomorrow. When you give them How America Works, you're giving them a guide to making their voices heard. Exclusive online bonus Order now and get access to online videos, lessons and writing extensions that expand on the topics covered in the book. Here's what we cover: The Declaration of Independence The Constitution The Bill of Rights How Washington Works Supreme Court Cases Every Student Should Know The Presidency Why Voting Matters The Long Struggle for

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Civil Rights Immigration: Who Gets to Be an American? You and the Media Could You Pass America's Citizenship Test?

Do you really know how the U.S. government operates? Most Americans have simply forgotten what they learned in their high school government class. Providing an updated history and comprehensive overview, *Idiot's Guides: U.S. Government & Politics, Second Edition*, is written to help readers gain an understanding about the origins of the U.S. government, in addition to its complex political system and key forces that drive a successful nation. Suitable reading for supplement coursework in high school government or civics classes or college political science classes, *Idiot's Guides: U.S. Government & Politics, Second Edition*, details the three branches of the U.S. government, the political process in America, civil liberties and rights, and how public policy is formed.

American Government 2e is designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of the single-semester American Government course. This title includes innovative features designed to enhance student learning, including Insider Perspective features and a Get Connected module that shows students how they can get engaged in the political process. The book provides an important opportunity for students to learn the core concepts of American Government and understand how those concepts apply to their lives and the world around them.

Concise, affordable, and engaging, *American Government in Black and White, Second Edition, 2014 Election Update*, is a unique introduction to American government that uses racial and ethnic equality as its underlying theme. Authors Paula D. McClain and Steven C. Tauber address issues of inequality in major facets of government, including the U.S. Constitution, key American political institutions and instruments of political behavior, and the making of public policy. Engaging the original voices of racial and ethnic actors in our nation's history, they show students how to measure and evaluate the importance of equality in America, from its founding up to today. **FEATURES** * Three kinds of text boxes that help students develop empirical and qualitative analytical abilities: "Measuring Equality," "Evaluating Equality," and "Our Voices" * Vignettes, illustrations, and case material that connect America's past and present * Running glossary definitions, thematic chapter conclusions, probing review questions, and annotated additional readings highlighting writings by and about racial and ethnic minorities

Presents an introduction to American government and politics, discussing such topics as the responsibilities of each branch of government, the Constitution, political parties, and how economic, foreign, and defense policies are formulated.

The classic book on the way American government agencies work and how they can be made to work better -- the "masterwork" of political scientist James Q. Wilson (*The Economist*) In *Bureaucracy*, the distinguished scholar James Q. Wilson examines a wide range of bureaucracies, including the US Army, the FBI, the CIA, the FCC, and the Social Security Administration, providing the first comprehensive, in-depth analysis of what government agencies do, why they operate the way they do, and how they might become more responsible and effective. It is the essential guide to understanding how American government works.

The simplest way to get to grips with the American political system *American Politics For Dummies* is an engaging and accessible guide to the inner workings of the U.S. government, cutting through the political jargon, to give you the facts. The book begins with the basics, including government structure and processes, and later covers current

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events that make the news. The world of American politics can be bewildering to anyone not born and bred in the U.S.A. This plain-English guide is perfect whether you are a student or simply fascinated by the world's most powerful democracy. From the electoral process to 'special relationships', you discover all you need to know with American Politics For Dummies. • The birth of America – find out about the emergence of the US, from the ideas upon which America was founded to the creation of the US Constitution • Go government – understand the powers of the President, how Congress operates, the function of the Supreme Court and how US laws are created and passed • Party on – discover the ins and outs of elections and political parties, from the electoral process and the two-party system to the voting behaviour amongst Americans • One nation, many identities – get to understand the workings of a truly multicultural society • All the world's a stage – grasp the grand strategy of the US to understand why the nation acts as it does in international politics 2014 kicks off the latest round of U.S. Congressional election and marks the beginning the 2016 Presidential election cycle. There will be headlines, there will be debate and there will be news. If you're looking to keep up and understand it all, American Politics For Dummies is a great place to start.

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