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African American Political Thought - Melvin L. Rogers 2021-02-16
African American Political Thought offers an unprecedented philosophical history of thinkers from the African American community and African diaspora who have addressed the central issues of political life: democracy, race, violence, liberation, solidarity, and mass political action. Melvin L. Rogers and Jack Turner have brought together leading scholars to reflect on individual intellectuals from the past four centuries, developing their list with an expansive approach to political expression. The collected essays consider such figures as Martin Delany, Ida B. Wells, W. E. B. Du Bois, James Baldwin, Toni Morrison, and Audre Lorde, whose works are addressed by scholars such as Farah Jasmin Griffin, Robert Gooding-Williams, Michael Dawson, Nick Bromell, Neil Roberts, and Lawrie Balfour. While African American political thought is inextricable from the historical movement of American political thought, this volume stresses the individuality of Black thinkers, the transnational and diasporic consciousness, and how individual speakers and writers draw on various traditions simultaneously to broaden our conception of African American political ideas. This landmark volume gives us the opportunity to tap into the myriad and nuanced political theories central to Black life. In doing so, African American Political Thought: A Collected History transforms how we understand the past and future of political thinking in the West.

American Politics Today - William T. Bianco 2017-04-26
The Fifth Edition of American Politics Today is designed to show students the reality of politics today and how it connects to their own lives. New features--from chapter opening cases that address the kinds of questions students ask, to full-page graphics that illustrate key political processes--show students how politics works and why it matters. All components of the learning package--textbook, InQuizitive adaptive learning tool, and coursepack--are organized around specific chapter learning goals to ensure that students learn the nuts and bolts of American government.

Global Resurgence of the Right - Gisela Pereyra Doval 2021-07-27
This book provides a broad-ranging analysis of the global resurgence of right-wing forces in the twenty-first century. These parties, organisations and social movements represent a break from right-wing forces in interwar political history in Europe and the United States, and the right-wing dictatorships in Latin America. The book reflects on the most appropriate conceptual categories to account for this phenomenon and whether terms such as populism, fascism, authoritarianism or conservatism can explain the new manifestations of the right. The book also explores this through a range of national case studies written by country specialists, focusing on Austria, Italy, Spain, Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador and the United States of America. Providing a much-needed

global perspective, this book will be of considerable interest to students and scholars of populism, fascism, right-wing extremism and conservatism.

A Novel Approach to Politics - Douglas A. Van Belle 2017-10-25
A Novel Approach to Politics turns conventional textbook wisdom on its head by using pop culture references to illustrate key concepts and cover recent political events. This is a textbook students want to read. Adopters of previous editions from schools all over the country are thanking author Douglas A. Van Belle for some of their best student evaluations to date. With this Fifth Edition, Van Belle brings the book fully up to date with recent events such as Trump's executive orders on immigration, the 2016 elections in the US, current policy debates including recent court decisions that may affect gerrymandering, international happenings such as Brexit, and other assorted intergalactic matters. Van Belle adds a wealth of new and recent movies and books to the text as he illustrates key concepts in political science through examples that captivate students. Employing a wide range of references from 1984 to Game of Thrones to House of Cards, students are given a solid foundation in institutions, ideology, and economics. To keep things grounded, the textbook nuts and bolts are still there to aid students, including chapter objectives, chapter summaries, bolded key terms, and discussion questions. Give your students the SAGE edge! SAGE edge offers a robust online environment featuring an impressive array of free tools and resources for review, study, and further exploration, keeping both instructors and students on the cutting edge of teaching and learning. Learn more at edge.sagepub.com/vanbelle5e.

Governing California in the Twenty-First Century - J. Theodore Anagnoson 2017-02-15
Get students thinking critically about California politics.

American Government - Theodore J. Lowi 2009
Based on the full edition of American Government: Power and Purpose, this brief text combines concise and up-to-date coverage of the central topics in American government with compelling critical analysis. Offering an array of learning tools, the 2008 Election Update Edition uses a refined pedagogical apparatus to help students approach politics and government analytically. KEY FEATURES o More flexibility to assign supplementary readings. The Brief Tenth edition is the perfect choice for instructors who want the flexibility to assign readings that go beyond the textbook. Access to the Norton American Politics Online Reader is free with each new copy, offering an affordable way to provide students with a range of readings to complement the textbook. Special package prices are also available with Norton's other readers in American government, The Enduring Debate and Faultlines. o More, and more thoughtful, pedagogy than other brief texts. Several helpful features appear in each chapter to help students learn and review. New 'Analyzing the Evidence' units use bold graphics to show students 'how we know what we know' about certain political phenomena. 'Core of the Analysis' boxes on the first page of every chapter preview the chapter's analysis. 'In Brief' boxes are unique to the brief edition and at least one appears in each chapter. The boxes summarize fundamental material in the chapter and have proven invaluable in preparing for exams, according to reviewers. 'Key Terms' are boldface in the text and defined in the margin. Numerous figures and tables appear in every chapter. New single-column design is easier to read. Online reader icons next to citations indicate works that are represented in the Norton American Politics Online Reader. STUDENT RESOURCES The Norton American Politics Online Reader American Government draws on contemporary research and key scholarship to present the field as political scientists understand it today. The Norton American Politics Online Reader includes over 100 important recent articles and foundational works cited in American Government. Perfect for supplementary reading assignments and special projects, an icon next to the citation in the text indicates that a reading is available in the online reader. Student StudySpace The StudySpace student Web site reinforces the analytical framework of American Government in a proven, task-oriented study plan. Each chapter is arranged according to the effective Organize, Learn, and Connect pedagogy: o Organize-This section contains: o Progress Reports to help students organize their

study time. o Chapter Summaries and Outlines that help students prepare for readings and tests. o Links to the ebook, which integrates online review materials with the book. o Learn-This section contains: o Diagnostic Quizzes that help students study for midterms and finals. o Vocabulary Flashcards that reinforce knowledge of key terms presented in the text. o Connect-This section contains: o Politics in the News RSS Feed-A bi-weekly RSS feed of New York Times articles, annotated by Paul Gronke (Reed College) helps students keep up-to-date with the latest political news. o Analyzing the Evidence Exercises-These interactive exercises are based on the new 'Analyzing the Evidence' units in the text, which explain the significance of the data and the basic methodology that political scientists use to analyze the data INSTRUCTOR RESOURCES PowerPoint Lecture Slides, Test Bank and an Instructor's Manual.

The American Political System - Ken Kollman 2015-02-17
Empirical puzzles get students thinking like political scientists.

How Democracies Die - Steven Levitsky 2019-01-08
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • "Comprehensive, enlightening, and terrifyingly timely."—The New York Times Book Review (Editors' Choice) WINNER OF THE GOLDSMITH BOOK PRIZE • SHORTLISTED FOR THE LIONEL GELBER PRIZE • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The Washington Post • Time • Foreign Affairs • WBUR • Paste Donald Trump's presidency has raised a question that many of us never thought we'd be asking: Is our democracy in danger? Harvard professors Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt have spent more than twenty years studying the breakdown of democracies in Europe and Latin America, and they believe the answer is yes. Democracy no longer ends with a bang—in a revolution or military coup—but with a whimper: the slow, steady weakening of critical institutions, such as the judiciary and the press, and the gradual erosion of long-standing political norms. The good news is that there are several exit ramps on the road to authoritarianism. The bad news is that, by electing Trump, we have already passed the first one. Drawing on decades of research and a wide range of historical and global examples, from 1930s Europe to contemporary Hungary, Turkey, and Venezuela, to the American South during Jim Crow, Levitsky and Ziblatt show how democracies die—and how ours can be saved. Praise for How Democracies Die "What we desperately need is a sober, dispassionate look at the current state of affairs. Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt, two of the most respected scholars in the field of democracy studies, offer just that."—The Washington Post "Where Levitsky and Ziblatt make their mark is in weaving together political science and historical analysis of both domestic and international democratic crises; in doing so, they expand the conversation beyond Trump and before him, to other countries and to the deep structure of American democracy and politics."—Ezra Klein, Vox "If you only read one book for the rest of the year, read How Democracies Die. . . .This is not a book for just Democrats or Republicans. It is a book for all Americans. It is nonpartisan. It is fact based. It is deeply rooted in history. . . . The best commentary on our politics, no contest."—Michael Morrell, former Acting Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (via Twitter) "A smart and deeply informed book about the ways in which democracy is being undermined in dozens of countries around the world, and in ways that are perfectly legal."—Fareed Zakaria, CNN

Perspectives on American Government - Cal Jillson 2017-08-25
Politics USA is a lively and authoritative introduction to American politics, giving students a rich and varied resource for all aspects of their course. The book provides expert and comprehensive analysis of US politics and government, including in-depth coverage of the presidency, the Congress, the Supreme Court and American foreign policy. This third edition of Politics USA has been thoroughly updated to include analysis of Challenges and policies of the first Obama administration Recent results and developments in US elections Latest major decisions of the US Supreme Court Contemporary American Foreign Policy This is an ideal introduction for students of US politics as well as anyone seeking to understand any or all aspects of politics in one of the world�s most powerful and globally influential countries.

American Royals - Katharine McGee 2020-05-05
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES •
What if America had a royal family? If you can't
get enough of Harry and Meghan or Kate and
William, meet American princesses Beatrice and
Samantha. Crazy Rich Asians meets The Crown.
Perfect for fans of Red, White, and Royal Blue
and The Royal We! Two princesses vying for the
ultimate crown. Two girls vying for the prince's
heart. This is the story of the American royals.
When America won the Revolutionary War, its
people offered General George Washington a
crown. Two and a half centuries later, the House
of Washington still sits on the throne. Like most
royal families, the Washingtons have an heir and
a spare. A future monarch and a backup battery.
Each child knows exactly what is expected of
them. But these aren't just any royals. They're
American. As Princess Beatrice gets closer to
becoming America's first queen regnant, the
duty she has embraced her entire life suddenly
feels stifling. Nobody cares about the spare
except when she's breaking the rules, so
Princess Samantha doesn't care much about
anything, either . . . except the one boy who is
distinctly off-limits to her. And then there's
Samantha's twin, Prince Jefferson. If he'd been
born a generation earlier, he would have stood
first in line for the throne, but the new laws of
succession make him third. Most of America
adores their devastatingly handsome prince . . .
but two very different girls are vying to capture
his heart. The duty. The intrigue. The Crown.
New York Times bestselling author Katharine
McGee imagines an alternate version of the
modern world, one where the glittering age of
monarchies has not yet faded--and where love is
still powerful enough to change the course of
history. "The lives of the American royal family
will hook you in the very first pages and never
let go. Relatable, believable, fantastical,
aspirational, and completely addictive." --Sara
Shepard, #1 New York Times bestselling author
of the Pretty Little Liars and Perfectionists
series
The Next America - Paul Taylor 2016-01-26
The America of the near future will look nothing
like the America of the recent past. America is in
the throes of a demographic overhaul. Huge
generation gaps have opened up in our political
and social values, our economic well-being, our
family structure, our racial and ethnic identity,
our gender norms, our religious affiliation, and
our technology use. Today's Millennials -- well-
educated, tech savvy, underemployed twenty-
somethings -- are at risk of becoming the first
generation in American history to have a lower
standard of living than their parents. Meantime,
more than 10,000 Baby Boomers are retiring
every single day, most of them not as well
prepared financially as they'd hoped. This
graying of our population has helped polarize
our politics, put stresses on our social safety net,
and presented our elected leaders with a
daunting challenge: How to keep faith with the
old without bankrupting the young and starving
the future. Every aspect of our demography is
being fundamentally transformed. By mid-
century, the population of the United States will
be majority non-white and our median age will
edge above 40 -- both unprecedented milestones.
But other rapidly-aging economic powers like
China, Germany, and Japan will have populations
that are much older. With our heavy immigration
flows, the US is poised to remain relatively
young. If we can get our spending priorities and
generational equities in order, we can keep our
economy second to none. But doing so means we
have to rebalance the social compact that binds
young and old. In tomorrow's world, yesterday's
math will not add up. Drawing on Pew Research
Center's extensive archive of public opinion
surveys and demographic data, The Next
America is a rich portrait of where we are as a
nation and where we're headed -- toward a
future marked by the most striking social, racial,
and economic shifts the country has seen in a
century.

The Second Media Age - Mark Poster
2018-03-08
This book examines the implications of new
communication technologies in the light of the
most recent work in social and cultural theory
and argues that new developments in electronic
media, such as the Internet and Virtual Reality,
justify the designation of a "second media age".
A People's History of the United States - Howard
Zinn 2016-02-01
A classic since its original landmark publication
in 1980, Howard Zinn's A People's History of the
United States is the first scholarly work to tell
America's story from the bottom up-from the

point of view of, and in the words of, America's women, factory workers, African Americans, Native Americans, working poor, and immigrant labourers. From Columbus to the Revolution to slavery and the Civil War-from World War II to the election of George W. Bush and the "War on Terror"-A People's History of the United States is an important and necessary contribution to a complete and balanced understanding of American history.

Republic at Risk - Walter J. Stone 2021-05-31
When people have the freedom to further their own personal interests in politics, the results may be disastrous. Chaos? Tyranny? Can a political system be set up to avoid these pitfalls, while still granting citizens and politicians the freedom to pursue their interests? Republic at Risk is a concise and engaging introduction to American politics. The guiding theme is the problem of self-interest in politics, which James Madison took as his starting point in his defense of representative government in Federalist 10 and 51. Madison believed that unchecked self-interest in politics was a risk to a well-ordered and free society. But he also held that political institutions could be designed to harness self-interest for the greater good. Putting Madison's theory to the test, the authors examine modern challenges to the integrity and effectiveness of US policy-making institutions, inviting readers to determine how best to respond to these risks.

The Dynamics Of American Politics - Lawrence C Dodd 2018-02-06
This book offers a comprehensive assessment of the major theoretical approaches to the study of American politics. Written by leading scholars in the field, the book's essays focus particularly on the contributions that competing macro- and microanalytic approaches make to our understanding of political change in America.The essays include systematic overviews of the patterns of constancy and change that characterize American political history as well as comparative discussions of theoretical traditions in the study of American political change. The volume concludes with four provocative essays proposing new and integrated interpretations of American politics.This is a path-breaking book that all scholars concerned with American politics will want to read and that all serious students of

American politics will need to study. The Dynamics of American Politics is appropriate for graduate core seminars on American politics, undergraduate capstone courses on American politics, courses on political theory and approaches to political analysis, and rigorous lower-division courses on American politics.

Readings in American Politics - Ken Kollman 2014
A contemporary reader with an analytical approach to American politics.

Readings in American Politics - Ken Kollman 2019
A contemporary reader with an analytical approach to American politics

Reading at Risk - 2004

East Asian Perspectives on Political Legitimacy - Joseph Chan 2016-11-17
What makes a government legitimate? Why do people voluntarily comply with laws, even when no one is watching? The idea of political legitimacy captures the fact that people obey when they think governments' actions accord with valid principles. For some, what matters most is the government's performance on security and the economy. For others, only a government that follows democratic principles can be legitimate. Political legitimacy is therefore a two-sided reality that scholars studying the acceptance of governments need to take into account. The diversity and backgrounds of East Asian nations provides a particular challenge when trying to determine the level of political legitimacy of individual governments. This book brings together both political philosophers and political scientists to examine the distinctive forms of political legitimacy that exist in contemporary East Asia. It is essential reading for all academic researchers of East Asian government, politics and comparative politics.

Historical Perspectives on the American Economy - Robert Whaples 1995
This book is a student reader of the key topics in American economic history.

The Basics of American Government - Carl D. Cavalli 2013-08-06
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 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.

The Paranoid Style in American Politics - Richard Hofstadter 2008-06-10
This timely reissue of Richard Hofstadter's classic work on the fringe groups that influence American electoral politics offers an invaluable perspective on contemporary domestic affairs.In The Paranoid Style in American Politics, acclaimed historian Richard Hofstadter examines the competing forces in American political discourse and how fringe groups can influence — and derail — the larger agendas of a political party. He investigates the politics of the irrational, shedding light on how the behavior of individuals can seem out of proportion with actual political issues, and how such behavior impacts larger groups. With such other classic essays as "Free Silver and the Mind of 'Coin' Harvey" and "What Happened to the Antitrust Movement?, " The Paranoid Style in American Politics remains both a seminal text of political history and a vital analysis of the ways in which political groups function in the United States.
The Enduring Debate - David T. Canon 2006

Political Science - Leonardo Morlino 2017-03-06
Approaching the subject from a focussed international and pluralist perspective, this book provides advanced-level treatment of all the core areas to give postgraduate students a wide-ranging and dynamic introduction
The Right - Matthew Continetti 2022-04-19
A magisterial intellectual history of the last century of American conservatism When most people think of the history of modern conservatism, they think of Ronald Reagan. Yet this narrow view leaves many to question: How did Donald Trump win the presidency? And what is the future of the Republican Party? In The Right, Matthew Continetti gives a sweeping account of movement conservatism's evolution, from the Progressive Era through the present. He tells the story of how conservatism began as networks of intellectuals, developing and institutionalizing a vision that grew over time, until they began to buckle under new pressures, resembling national populist movements. Drawing out the tensions between the desire for mainstream acceptance and the pull of extremism, Continetti argues that the more one studies conservatism's past, the more one becomes convinced of its future. Deeply researched and brilliantly told, The Right is essential reading for anyone looking to understand American conservatism.
Midnight in Washington - Adam Schiff 2021-10-12
#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The vital inside account of American democracy in its darkest hour, from the rise of autocracy unleashed by Trump to the January 6 insurrection, and a warning that those forces remain as potent as ever—from the congressman who led the first impeachment of Donald J. Trump "Engaging and informative . . . a manual for how to probe and question power, how to hold leaders accountable in a time of diminishing responsibility."—The Washington Post With a new afterword by the author In the years leading up to the election of Donald Trump, Congressman Adam Schiff had already been sounding the alarm over the resurgence of autocracy around the world, and the threat this posed to the United States. But as he led the probe into Donald Trump's Russia and Ukraine-related abuses of presidential power, Schiff

came to the terrible conclusion that the principal threat to American democracy now came from within. In Midnight in Washington, Schiff argues that the Trump presidency has so weakened our institutions and compromised the Republican Party that the peril will last for years, requiring unprecedented vigilance against the growing and dangerous appeal of authoritarianism. The congressman chronicles step-by-step just how our democracy was put at such risk, and traces his own path to meeting the crisis—from serious prosecutor, to congressman with an expertise in national security and a reputation for bipartisanship, to liberal lightning rod, scourge of the right, and archenemy of a president. Schiff takes us inside his team of impeachment managers and their desperate defense of the Constitution amid the rise of a distinctly American brand of autocracy. Deepening our understanding of prominent public moments, Schiff reveals the private struggles, the internal conflicts, and the triumphs of courage that came with defending the republic against a lawless president—but also the slow surrender of people that he had worked with and admired to the dangerous immorality of a president engaged in an historic betrayal of his office. Schiff's fight for democracy is one of the great dramas of our time, told by the man who became the president's principal antagonist. It is a story that began with Trump but does not end with him, taking us through the disastrous culmination of the presidency and Schiff's account of January 6, 2021, and how the antidemocratic forces Trump unleashed continue to define his party, making the future of democracy in America more uncertain than ever.

What Were We Thinking - Carlos Lozada 2021-10-12
In this "crisp, engaging, and very smart" (The New York Times Book Review) work, The Washington Post's Pulitzer Prize–winning book critic digs into books of the Trump era and finds that our response to this presidency often reflects the same polarization, contradictions, and resentments that made it possible. It is an irony of our age that a man who rarely reads has unleashed an onslaught of books about his tenure and his time. Dissections of the white working class. Manifestos of political resistance. Works on identity, gender, and migration. Memoirs on race and protest. Revelations of White House mayhem. Warnings over the future of conservatism, progressivism, and of American democracy itself. As a book critic for The Washington Post, Carlos Lozada has read just about all of them. In What Were We Thinking, he draws on some 150 recent volumes to explore how we understand ourselves in the Trump era. Lozada's characters are not the president, his advisers, or his antagonists but the political and cultural ideas at play—and at stake—in America. Just as Trump's election upended the country's political establishment, it shocked its intellectual class. Though some of the books of the Trump era skillfully illuminate the challenges and transformations the nation faces, too many works are more defensive than incisive, more righteous than right. Lozada offers a provocative argument: Whether written by liberals or conservatives, activists or academics, true believers or harsh critics, the books of Trump's America are vulnerable to the same failures of imagination that gave us this presidency in the first place. In What Were We Thinking, Lozada's selections range from bestselling titles to little-known works, from thoroughly reported accounts of the administration to partisan polemics, from meditations on the fate of truth to memoirs about enduring—or enabling—the Trump presidency. He also identifies books that challenge entrenched assumptions and shift our vantage points, the books that best help us make sense of this era. The result is an "elegant yet lacerating" (The Guardian) intellectual history of our time, a work that transcends daily headlines to discern how we got here and how we thought here. What Were We Thinking will help today's readers understand America, and will help tomorrow's readers look back and understand us.

Laboratories Against Democracy - Jacob Grumbach 2022-07-19
As national political fights are waged at the state level, democracy itself pays the price Over the past generation, the Democratic and Republican parties have each become nationally coordinated political teams. American political institutions, on the other hand, remain highly decentralized. Laboratories against Democracy shows how national political conflicts are increasingly flowing through the subnational institutions of

state politics—with profound consequences for public policy and American democracy. Jacob Grumbach argues that as Congress has become more gridlocked, national partisan and activist groups have shifted their sights to the state level, nationalizing state politics in the process and transforming state governments into the engines of American policymaking. He shows how this has had the ironic consequence of making policy more varied across the states as red and blue party coalitions implement increasingly distinct agendas in areas like health care, reproductive rights, and climate change. The consequences don't stop there, however. Drawing on a wealth of new data on state policy, public opinion, money in politics, and democratic performance, Grumbach traces how national groups are using state governmental authority to suppress the vote, gerrymander districts, and erode the very foundations of democracy itself. Required reading for this precarious moment in our politics, Laboratories against Democracy reveals how the pursuit of national partisan agendas at the state level has intensified the challenges facing American democracy, and asks whether today's state governments are mitigating the political crises of our time—or accelerating them.

China from a U.S. Policy Perspective - Eric J. Heikkila 2020-09-18
In this book, Eric J. Heikkila explores a truly important question that has not been adequately analyzed to date: how the rise of China alters the context in which the broad spectrum of policies in the United States should be assessed. Here, the policy domain of the U.S. government is carved into three broad spheres: economic policies: fiscal policy and deficits, trade policy, and employment and income sustainability policies: climate change, urban policy, and energy policy geopolitical policies: homeland security, defense policy, and foreign relations. For each domain, Heikkila assesses the key policy issues and tradeoffs, examining how the balance of such tradeoffs shifts due to China's rise. In doing so, he demonstrates how a rising China exerts its gravitation pull on U.S. policy, not so much through lobbying or negotiation, but through the very nature of its being. A concluding chapter presents a workable synthesis derived from these diverse

perspectives. At a time of increasing tensions, it is all the more important for U.S. policy makers to focus on the many substantive policy questions that are impacted by China's rise. China from a U.S. Policy Perspective will be of key interest to scholars, practitioners, and students of policy analysis, U.S. politics, Chinese politics, and International Relations.

Latin America In Comparative Perspective - Peter H Smith 2018-10-08
This book highlights the necessity of analyzing Latin American society and politics within broad comparative frameworks. It explores methodological strategies for regional comparison and offers new approaches to the study of women, state power, corporatism, and political culture.

The Great Alignment - Alan I. Abramowitz 2018-06-19
Alan I. Abramowitz has emerged as a leading spokesman for the view that our current political divide is not confined to a small group of elites and activists but a key feature of the American social and cultural landscape. The polarization of the political and media elites, he argues, arose and persists because it accurately reflects the state of American society. Here, he goes further: the polarization is unique in modern U.S. history. Today's party divide reflects an unprecedented alignment of many different divides: racial and ethnic, religious, ideological, and geographic. Abramowitz shows how the partisan alignment arose out of the breakup of the old New Deal coalition; introduces the most important difference between our current era and past eras, the rise of "negative partisanship"; explains how this phenomenon paved the way for the Trump presidency; and examines why our polarization could even grow deeper. This statistically based analysis shows that racial anxiety is by far a better predictor of support for Donald Trump than any other factor, including economic discontent.

Rivalry and Reform - Sidney M. Milkis 2019-01-25
Few relationships have proved more pivotal in changing the course of American politics than those between presidents and social movements. For all their differences, both presidents and social movements are driven by a desire to recast the political system, often pursuing rival

agendas that set them on a collision course. Even when their interests converge, these two actors often compete to control the timing and conditions of political change. During rare historical moments, however, presidents and social movements forged partnerships that profoundly recast American politics. Rivalry and Reform explores the relationship between presidents and social movements throughout history and into the present day, revealing the patterns that emerge from the epic battles and uneasy partnerships that have profoundly shaped reform. Through a series of case studies, including Abraham Lincoln and abolitionism, Lyndon Johnson and the civil rights movement, and Ronald Reagan and the religious right, Sidney M. Milkis and Daniel J. Tichenor argue persuasively that major political change usually reflects neither a top-down nor bottom-up strategy but a crucial interplay between the two. Savvy leaders, the authors show, use social movements to support their policy goals. At the same time, the most successful social movements target the president as either a source of powerful support or the center of opposition. The book concludes with a consideration of Barack Obama's approach to contemporary social movements such as Black Lives Matter, United We Dream, and Marriage Equality.

Divided We Fall - Alice M. Rivlin 2022-10-04
Partisan warfare and gridlock in Washington threaten to squander America's opportunity to show the world that democracy can solve serious economic problems and ensure widely shared prosperity. Instead of working together to meet the challenges ahead—an aging work force, exploding inequality, climate change, rising debt—our elected leaders are sabotaging our economic future by blaming and demonizing each other in hopes of winning big in the next election. They are weakening America's capacity for world leadership and the case for democracy here and abroad. Alice M. Rivlin, with decades of experience in economic policy making, argues that proven economic policies could lead to sustainable American prosperity and opportunity for all, but crafting them requires the tough, time-consuming work of consensus building and bipartisan negotiation. In a divided country with shifting majorities, major policies must have

bipartisan buy-in and broad public support. Otherwise we will have either destabilizing swings in policy or total gridlock in the face of challenges looming at us. Rivlin believes that Americans can and must save our hyper-partisan politicians from themselves. She makes the case that on many practical economic issues the public is far less divided than partisan politicians and sensationalist media would have us believe. She draws attention to numerous hopeful efforts to bridge partisan and ideological divides in Washington, in state capitols and city governments, and communities around the country, and advocates a major national effort to enable citizens and future leaders to learn and practice the art of listening to each other and working together to find common ground. This book is a practical guide for Americans across the political spectrum who are agonizing over partisan warfare, incivility, and policy gridlock and looking for ways they can help to get our democratic policy process back on a constructive track before it is too late.

Closing of the American Mind - Allan Bloom 2008-06-30
The brilliant, controversial, bestselling critique of American culture that "hits with the approximate force and effect of electroshock therapy" (The New York Times)—now featuring a new afterword by Andrew Ferguson in a twenty-fifth anniversary edition. In 1987, eminent political philosopher Allan Bloom published The Closing of the American Mind, an appraisal of contemporary America that "hits with the approximate force and effect of electroshock therapy" (The New York Times) and has not only been vindicated, but has also become more urgent today. In clear, spirited prose, Bloom argues that the social and political crises of contemporary America are part of a larger intellectual crisis: the result of a dangerous narrowing of curiosity and exploration by the university elites. Now, in this twenty-fifth anniversary edition, acclaimed author and journalist Andrew Ferguson contributes a new essay that describes why Bloom's argument caused such a furor at publication and why our culture so deeply resists its truths today.
Readings in American Politics - Ken Kollman 2017-06

A contemporary reader with an analytical approach to American politics.Introduces students to foundational works and recent scholarship that have shaped the way political scientists understand and analyze American government today.

American Government and Politics in the Information Age - David L. Paletz 2019

The Politics of Belonging - Natalie Masuoka 2013-08-12
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