

## American Government Essentials Edition

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS TODAY: THE ESSENTIALS, 2015-2016 Edition inspires students to join the exciting process of being active, informed citizens. Unbiased, concisely organized, and updated with Election 2014 coverage, the text's fundamental theme continues to be the importance of participating in active citizenship, emphasizing critical thinking about political issues and encouraging students to become involved in the political process. With a keen understanding of the needs and interests of today's students, the authors incorporate compelling and thought-provoking current examples to stimulate learning and excitement. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

For description, see catalog entry for Wilson/Dilulio, American Government: Institutions and Policies, 9/e.

This text aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice by emphasizing the basics of national government as seen from a variety of perspectives - conservative, liberal, libertarian, populist and Marxist. This material is blended with a brief, straightforward presentation of the basics of national government.

THE CHALLENGE OF DEMOCRACY: AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN GLOBAL POLITICS, THE ESSENTIALS introduces new co-author Debra Schildkraut to this stellar author team.

This best-selling American government text is highly acclaimed for the non-ideological framework it uses to explore three themes: freedom, order, and equality as political values; the majoritarianism versus pluralism debate; and globalization's effect on American politics. Using

an easy to follow approach, with chapters and subheadings numbered and organized by learning outcomes, and a new end of chapter "Assessing Your Understanding" section where students can test their knowledge, the ninth edition provides a solution for teaching and assessing course learning outcomes. Extensively updated, this condensed edition includes new examples, figures, data, and current discussions. The authors include balanced coverage of Obama's historical presidency and coverage and analysis of the 2012 presidential primary campaign and election. This ninth edition of *THE CHALLENGE OF DEMOCRACY, THE ESSENTIALS* is an abridged version of the twelfth edition of *THE CHALLENGE OF DEMOCRACY*. See "Features" for details.

The best-selling book published for American Government, *AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS TODAY: THE ESSENTIALS* helps students experience the excitement that comes from active, informed citizenship in a concisely organized package. Bardes, Shelley, and Schmidt's text is renowned nationwide for its balanced, unbiased, comprehensive, and up-to-date coverage of constitutional, governmental, political, social, and economic structures and processes. The overriding theme is the importance of informed active citizenship. The pedagogy underscores this theme by soliciting critical thinking about political issues and encouraging students to become involved in the political process. With keen awareness of its audience, *AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS TODAY: THE ESSENTIALS* incorporates current examples, the Internet, and other media to stimulate learning and excitement about American government. This truly interactive text gives students more than reading material—it gives them tools to become good citizens.

This popular brief text for the one-semester or one-quarter American Government

course maintains the framework of the Wilson, Dilulio, Bose, and Levendusky comprehensive text, emphasizing the historical development of the American political system, who governs, and to what ends. The 13th edition of AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES, BRIEF VERSION, offers coverage of the 2014 and 2016 campaigns and elections; budget battles and the sequestration of funds; ongoing debates about immigration, gay marriage, and other key issues in American politics; and foreign-policy decisions on Afghanistan, the Middle East, and North Korea. We have also reworked each chapter to focus on a clear set of learning objectives to guide students through the material. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

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previously and you may have to purchase a new access code. Access codes that are purchased from sellers other than Pearson carry a higher risk of being either the wrong ISBN or a previously redeemed code. Check with the seller prior to purchase. -- Updated in a new 2011 Alternate edition, *American Government: Roots and Reform* provides the historical context students need to understand our government and the most crucial and controversial issues affecting the nation in the 21st century. This bestselling book has been extensively revised to provide in-depth coverage of President Barack Obama's first two years in office and the 111th Congress, the 2010 congressional elections, continued concerns related to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and domestic concerns related to health care reform and the economy. Emphasizing the relevance of politics and government in everyday life, *We the People* provides tools to help students think critically about American government and politics. The Sixth Edition has been carefully updated to reflect most recent developments, including the ongoing conflict in Iraq and the 2006 midterm elections. Complemented by a rich package of multimedia tools for instructors and students, including a new video-clip DVD, *We the People* is now more pedagogically effective than ever.

Acclaimed for the scholarship of its prominent authors and the clarity of its narrative, *AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: THE ESSENTIALS* focuses on three fundamental topics: the importance of institutions of American government; the historical development of governmental procedures, actors, and policies; and who governs in the United States

and to what ends. The policymaking process and politics of policy are discussed in Chapter 1, and new Policy Dynamics: Inside/Outside the Box features integrate policy coverage throughout the text without the extra length of domestic and foreign policy chapters. Features such as learning objectives, Constitutional Connections relating current issues to founding principles, and How Things Work boxes illustrating important processes, help you organize your study and master the book's key concepts. The state-of-the-art media package available for this text provides online tools that help you interact with the material to prepare for class, study for exams, and succeed. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

American government is not just one story—it's many stories. Our stories. And they are still being told. In *American Government: Stories of a Nation*, author Scott Abernathy tunes in to the voices of America's people, showing how diverse ideas throughout our nation's history have shaped our political institutions, our identities, the way we participate and behave, the laws we live by, and the challenges we face. His storytelling approach brings the core concepts of government to life, making them meaningful and memorable, and allowing all students to see themselves reflected in the pages. For the new Brief Edition, Abernathy has carefully condensed and updated the content from the Full version, giving you the information you need--and the stories you can relate to--in a more concise, value-oriented package.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS TODAY: THE ESSENTIALS 2011-2012, International Edition inspires students to join the exciting process of being active, informed citizens. Bardes, Shelley, and Schmidt provide an unbiased and concisely organized overview of this essential subject, updated with complete Election 2010 coverage and the latest on the economic downturn and recovery policy. The text's fundamental theme continues to be the importance of participating in active citizenship, emphasizing continual critical thinking about political issues, and encouraging students to become involved in the political process. With a keen understanding of the needs and interests of today's students, the authors incorporate abundant current examples, including increased coverage of the impact of the Internet and other media, to stimulate learning and excitement. The text is redesigned for even greater reader appeal.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS TODAY: THE ESSENTIALS, 2015-2016 Edition inspires students to join the exciting process of being active, informed citizens. Unbiased, concisely organized, and updated with Election 2014 coverage, the text's fundamental theme continues to be the importance of participating in active citizenship, emphasizing critical thinking about political issues and encouraging students to become involved in the political process. With a keen understanding of the needs and interests of today's students, the authors incorporate compelling and thought-provoking current examples to stimulate learning and excitement.

Bardes/Shelley/Schmidt's AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS TODAY, THE

ESSENTIALS, 20th Edition, equips you with the tools and knowledge you need to become an active, informed participant in the U.S. political process. Making politics personal, it focuses on how government impacts you -- now and in the future.

Unbiased, concisely organized and updated with 2020 election analysis, it delivers thorough coverage in a streamlined, easy-to-read format. Emphasizing critical thinking about political issues, it encourages you to become involved in the political process. Current, compelling and thought-provoking examples offer insight into such pressing issues as the global COVID-19 pandemic, racial injustice, police brutality, economic inequality and more. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES: THE ESSENTIALS is a clear and approachable text for students trying to successfully understand American government. It sets the standard for examining current issues in American politics focusing on the importance of American governmental institutions, the historical development of governmental procedures and policies, and who governs in the United States and to what ends. It includes concise learning objectives, highlighted key concepts, and opportunities for practical application of contemporary debates on policy dynamics. These features allow students to identify important issues in American politics, maximize comprehension, and engage with the material in a meaningful way. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the

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"The main strength of this book is that it presents a 'human' side to American Government that challenges students to think critically while still presenting the 'teaching' side with objectives, self-tests, and chapter reviews." —Kathleen Barrett, University of West Georgia In the Second Edition of American Government, Essentials Edition, author Scott F. Abernathy tunes in to the voices of all Americans, showing how our diverse ideas shape the way we participate and behave, the laws we live by, and the challenges we face. From the Constitutional Convention to Ferguson, Missouri, each chapter features rich, personal narratives that illustrate how the American political system is the product of strategies, calculations, and miscalculations of countless individuals. It focuses on real people, the actions they take, the struggles they face, and how their choices influence outcomes. The key concepts are memorable because they are tied to real politics, where students see political action and political choices shaping how institutions advance or impede the fulfillment of fundamental ideas. Participation is at the heart of this groundbreaking new text, with ample background on how and why to participate. Not only will all students see themselves reflected in the pages, but they will come to understand that they, too, are strategic players in American politics, with voices that matter. American Government, Essentials Edition, is identical to the full version of the text, minus the three policy chapters. A Complete Teaching and Learning Package SAGE Vantage Digital Option Engage, Learn, Soar with SAGE Vantage, an intuitive

digital platform that delivers American Government, Essentials Second Edition textbook content in a learning experience carefully designed to ignite student engagement and drive critical thinking. Built with you and your students in mind, it offers easy course set-up and enables students to better prepare for class. Learn more. Assignable Video Assignable Video (available on the SAGE Vantage platform) is tied to learning objectives and curated exclusively for this text to bring concepts to life and appeal to different learning styles. Watch a sample video now. SAGE Coursepacks FREE! Easily import our quality instructor and student resources content into your school's learning management system (LMS) and save time. Learn more. SAGE Edge FREE online resources for students that make learning easier. See how your students benefit. SAGE course outcomes: Measure Results, Track Success Outlined in your text and mapped to chapter learning objectives, SAGE course outcomes are crafted with specific course outcomes in mind and vetted by advisors in the field. See how SAGE course outcomes tie in with this book's chapter-level objectives at [edge.sagepub.com/abernathy2e](http://edge.sagepub.com/abernathy2e). CQ Press Lecture Spark Designed to save you time and ignite student engagement, these free weekly lecture launchers focus on current event topics tied to key concepts in American government. Access this week's topic. Free poster: What can you do with a Political Science degree? Download a poster that you can print to hang in your classroom, email to colleagues, or share on social media. Looking for the AP® Edition? Learn more about the brief text specifically tailored for the new AP® framework and

exam. Contact your rep to learn more.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS TODAY: THE ESSENTIALS, 2013-2014 EDITION inspires readers to join the exciting process of being active, informed citizens. Unbiased, concisely organized, and updated with Election 2012 coverage and a new focus on learning outcomes, the text's fundamental theme continues to be the importance of participating in active citizenship, emphasizing continual critical thinking about political issues, and encouraging readers to become involved in the political process. With a keen understanding of the needs and interests of today's learners, the authors incorporate interesting and relevant current examples to stimulate learning and excitement. The text is completely redesigned for even greater reader appeal.

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Keeping the Republic gives students the power to examine the narrative of what's going on in American politics, distinguish fact from fiction and balance from bias, and influence the message through informed citizenship. Keeping the Republic draws students into the study of American politics, showing them how to think critically about "who gets what, and how" while exploring the twin themes of power and citizenship. Students are pushed to consider how and why institutions and rules determine who wins and who loses in American politics, and to be savvy consumers of political information. The thoroughly updated Eighth Edition considers how a major component

of power is who controls the information, how it is assembled into narratives, and whether we come to recognize fact from fiction. Citizens now have unprecedented access to power – the ability to create and share their own narratives – while simultaneously being even more vulnerable to those trying to shape their views. The political landscape of today gives us new ways to keep the republic, and some high-tech ways to lose it. Throughout the text and its features, authors Christine Barbour and Gerald Wright show students how to effectively apply the critical thinking skills they develop to the political information they encounter every day. Students are challenged to deconstruct prevailing narratives and effectively harness the political power of the information age for themselves. Up-to-date with 2018 election results and analysis, as well as the impact of recent Supreme Court rulings, shifting demographics, and emerging and continuing social movements, *Keeping the Republic, Eighth Edition* is a much-needed resource to help students make sense of politics in America today. Carefully condensed from the full version by authors Christine Barbour and Gerald Wright, *Keeping the Republic, Brief Edition* gives your students all the continuity and crucial content, in a more concise, value-oriented package. A Complete Teaching & Learning Package SAGE Vantage Digital Option Engage, Learn, Soar with SAGE Vantage, an intuitive digital platform that delivers *Keeping the Republic, Eighth Brief Edition* textbook content in a learning experience carefully designed to ignite student engagement and drive critical thinking. Built with you and your students in mind, it offers

easy course set-up and enables students to better prepare for class. Learn more. Assignable Video Assignable Video (available on the SAGE Vantage platform) is tied to learning objectives and curated exclusively for this text to bring concepts to life and appeal to different learning styles. Watch a sample video now. SAGE Coursepacks FREE! Easily import our quality instructor and student resource content into your school's learning management system (LMS) and save time. Learn more. SAGE Edge FREE online resources for students that make learning easier. See how your students benefit. SAGE course outcomes: Measure Results, Track Success Outlined in your text and mapped to chapter learning objectives, SAGE course outcomes are crafted with specific course outcomes in mind and vetted by advisors in the field. See how SAGE course outcomes tie in with this book's chapter-level objectives at [edge.sagepub.com/barbourbrief8e](http://edge.sagepub.com/barbourbrief8e) CQ Press Lecture Spark: Designed to save you time and ignite student engagement, these free weekly lecture launchers focus on current event topics tied to key concepts in American government. Access this week's topic. Contact your rep to learn more.

Students learn the nuts and bolts of political science through compelling stories that show how our diverse ideas shape the way we participate and behave and the laws we live by. Learning concepts in context is a tested learning technique that works to help ideas stick. The key concepts are memorable because they are tied to real politics, where students see political action and political choices shaping how institutions

advance or impede the fulfilment of fundamental ideas. Not only will all students see themselves reflected in the pages, but they will come to understand that they, too, are strategic players in American politics, with voices that matter.

Making politics personal, Bardes/Shelley/Schmidt's American Government and Politics Today, The Essentials, Enhanced 19th Edition equips you with the tools and insight to become an active, informed citizen. Unbiased, updated with Election 2018 analysis and extremely student-friendly, the text combines a conversational, easy-to-read style with thorough coverage in a streamlined format. Political authorities as well as longtime professors who know what today's students like, the authors incorporate a wealth of current, compelling and thought-provoking examples that bring chapter concepts to life. In addition, numerous hands-on activities help you figure out where you stand on key issues so you can put your views into action. Also available: MindTap, Cengage Learning's fully online learning solution.

Essentials of American Politics is an undergraduate text with a novel analytical and comparative focus. It takes as a central theme the increasing tension in American politics between a general philosophy of limited government and particular public demands for more and better government programs and services. While this has always been a feature of the American polity, recent events have brought it into sharp focus. Both a Republican Congress and Democratic president extol the virtues of less government but continue to grapple with demands for improved education, health care,

transportation and almost every other area of social and economic life. All praise the virtues of lower taxation and at the same time promise improvements in the quality of public services. A similar tension applies in the courts, in state politics and indeed throughout the system. Recent successes such as a balanced budget have been achieved in part because the limited government philosophy has been on the ascendant and has won support from all shades of political opinion. But conflicts over the distributional questions of who gets what has hardly subsided. In few other democracies is this tension as well defined as in the United States and Essentials reminds readers of this fact through comparison with democratic processes in other countries, and in particular with European countries. Essentials weaves this theme into a discussion of American national politics. Up to date and well organized chapters are devoted to beliefs and values, the Constitution, federalism, Congress, presidency, the federal bureaucracy, interest groups and the courts. Policy chapters include economic, social and foreign affairs. In all chapters the analytical approach explains to students some of the main controversies in American political science. At all times Essentials seeks to impart basic information on American politics in an analytical but stimulating manner. Features: Concise format of 17 chapters that cover institutions, behavior and policy arenas. Theme of American's general philosophy of limited government versus our particular demands for expanded government programs and services. Rich, comparative examples (Britain, Canada, and Mexico versus U.S.) throughout the

book's narrative.

The Essentials Edition of **AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES** is a clear and approachable text for students trying to successfully understand American government. It sets the standard for examining current issues in American politics, focusing on the importance of American governmental institutions, the historical development of governmental procedures and policies as well as on who governs in the United States and to what ends. The sixteenth edition includes concise learning objectives, highlighted key concepts and opportunities for practical application of contemporary debates on policy dynamics. These features allow students to identify important issues in American politics, maximize comprehension and engage with the material in a meaningful way. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version. This popular brief text for the American Government course emphasizes the historical development of the American political system, who governs, and to what ends. The twelfth edition of **AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES, BRIEF VERSION**, offers coverage of the 2014 campaigns and elections; budget battles and the sequestration of funds; ongoing debates about immigration, gay marriage, and other key issues in American politics; and foreign-

policy decisions on Afghanistan, the Middle East, and North Korea. The text also emphasizes critical-thinking skills and includes many tools to help students maximize their study efforts and results, such as Learning Objectives in every chapter. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

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Content instructors trust—in a low-priced, very brief text *We the People* is the best text for showing students that politics is relevant to their lives and that political participation matters—especially in the digital age. Based on the full-length text,

this low-priced, very brief text offers authoritative coverage of the core topics in American politics. New coauthor Caroline Tolbert brings expertise in political behavior to deep revisions of key chapters, and new Digital Citizens boxes highlight the role of new media in politics.

Acclaimed for the scholarship of its prominent authors and the clarity of its narrative, AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: THE ESSENTIALS preserves the structure of the main text but replaces the policy chapters with one brief chapter on the policymaking process while maintaining focus on three fundamental topics: the importance of institutions of American government; the historical development of governmental procedures, actors, and policies; and who governs in the United States and to what ends. Student involvement in the material is bolstered by proven pedagogical features such as learning objectives, Who Governs? and To What Ends? questions framing each chapter, and How Things Work boxes that illustrate important concepts. A state-of-the-art media package with new online tools makes the learning experience engaging and accessible. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

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