Politics matters. The national government provides important services, ranging from retirement, security, and health care to recreation facilities and weather forecasts. The government may also send us to war or negotiate peace with our adversaries, expand or restrict our freedom, raise or lower our taxes, and increase or decrease aid for education. In the twenty-first century, decision makers of both political parties are facing difficult questions regarding American democracy and the scope of our government. The authors provide extensive coverage of four core subject areas: constitutional foundations, patterns of political behavior, political institutions, and public policy outputs, and do so in a more analytically significant manner.

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### Chapter 1: Introducing Government in America

**Changes**

Updated chapter opening material contains new data on voting patterns and election turnout rates, including a discussion of political participation by younger people.

Updated Figure 1.1. POLITICAL APATHY AMONG YOUNG AND OLD AMERICANS, 1972–XXXX
The section on CHALLENGES TO DEMOCRACY includes a discussion of the book published by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt that argues that the U.S. is showing some of the same signs as countries that are no longer democracies.

Updated Figure 1.2 AGE AND POLITICAL KNOWLEDGE, 1972 AND XXXX

Updated Figure 1.3 ELECTION TURNOUT RATES OF YOUNG AND OLD AMERICANS, 1972 – XXXX

Chapter 2: The Constitution
Changes

Updated chapter opening material contains a lengthy discussion about the legalization of marijuana, including the effects of AG Jeff Sessions’ decision to rescind Obama-era guidelines.

Chapter 3: Federalism
Changes

Updated Table 3.2 COUNTRIES WITH FEDERAL SYSTEMS

Section on THE TENTH AMENDMENT updated to include the following information:

Murphy v. National Collegiate Athletic Association (2018) ruling on the Tenth Amendment
President Trump’s attempt during the coronavirus pandemic to usurp the states’ right to decide when to end stay-at-home or shelter-in-place orders

Section on DEVOLUTION? includes a discussion of the challenges of federalism during the pandemic; President Trump tried to enforce some policies while also telling the states to fend for themselves

Updated Figure 3.1 FISCAL FEDERALISM: FEDERAL GRANTS TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Updated figure EXPLORE THE DATA: SHOULD WHETHER YOU LIVE DEPEND ON WHERE YOU LIVE? in the You Are the Policymaker feature

Updated Figure 3.2 STATE AND LOCAL SPENDING ON PUBLIC EDUCATION, PER CHILD

Section on FEDERALISM AND THE SCOPE OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT includes the national government’s interventions to help American businesses under President Trump

Updated Figure 3.3 FISCAL FEDERALISM: THE SIZE OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Chapter 4: Civil Liberties and Public Policy
Changes

Chapter opening material describes a court case in which students at the University of Wisconsin sued the university because mandatory extracurricular fees denied their First Amendment rights; the Court ruled for the university.

Updated Table 4.2 THE INCORPORATION OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Section on THE FREE EXERCISE CLAUSE examines potential restrictions on religious freedoms and how the Supreme Court has sided with religious organizations, including the recent ruling Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue (2020)

Updated section FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION contains information in the following areas:

- COMPELLED SPEECH
  - Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, 2018 upheld a ruling that non-union members could not be compelled to pay union dues

- COMMERCIAL SPEECH and REGULATION OF THE PUBLIC AIRWAVES AND CYBERSPACE
  - In Matal v. Tam (2017) the Supreme Court held that the government may not refuse to register potentially offensive trademarks
  - Packingham v. North Carolina (2017) guaranteed access to social media for registered sex offenders
  - Iancu v. Brunetti (2019) denied the prohibition of registering trademarks that consisted of “immoral” or “scandalous matter”

Updated Figure 4.3 THE DECLINE OF EXECUTIONS

Section on CONTROVERSY OVER ABORTION discusses the history of abortion, including the most recent court cases (Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt and June Medical Service L.L.C. v. Russo)
Chapter 5: Civil Rights and Public Policy

Chapter opening material describes the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement

Updated section on THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY emphasizes the lack of equal rights for people of color:
- 2019: Supreme Court held that prosecutors may not use their peremptory challenges to jurors to exclude Black prospective jurors from a jury
- 2020: Congress formally outlaws lynching
- 2020: Police brutality and systematic racial bias continue to draw public attention

Updated Figure 5.2 MINORITY POPULATION BY STATE

Section on WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE includes a statistical snapshot of women at work and in the home

The section on LGBTQ+ RIGHTS details some positive outcomes:
- 2017: The Supreme Court found that states may not treat married same-sex couples differently from others in issuing birth certificates
- 2020: The Supreme Court held in Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia that the 1964 Civil Rights Act’s prohibition of discrimination “because of sex” includes LGBTQ+ employees

Chapter 6: Public Opinion and Political Action

New chapter opening material features two sets of polling results for the ACA

Updated section on THE AMERICAN PEOPLE contains new material in the following areas:
- The controversy over including a citizenship question on the 2020 Census
- The section on THE IMMIGRANT SOCIETY includes
  - Current immigration trends
  - Updated figure EXPLORE THE DATA: SHOULD IMMIGRATION BE BASED MORE ON SKILLS THAN BLOOD? in the You Are the Policymaker feature
  - 2020: Department of Homeland Security v. Regents of the University of California overturned President Trump’s attempt to end DACA
- The section on THE AMERICAN MELTING POT includes new projections from the Census Bureau
- The section on THE REGIONAL SHIFT updates the reapportionment within the House of Representatives based on demographic changes

Updated Figure 6.1 THE COMING MINORITY MAJORITY

Updated Figure 6.2 TURNOUT INCREASES WITH AGE

The section on HOW POLLS ARE CONDUCTED contains new material in the following areas:
- A discussion as to why the 2016 polls were inaccurate
- The rising costs of telephone polling now that most people have cell phones instead of land lines

Updated Figure 6.3 HOW POLITICAL KNOWLEDGE VARIES ACCORDING TO DEMOGRAPHIC AND POLITICAL FACTORS

Updated Figure 6.4 THE DECLINE OF TRUST IN GOVERNMENT, 1958–2019

Updated section on WHAT AMERICANS VALUE: POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES contains new material in the following areas:
- 2020: polls continue to show that more people identify as conservative rather than liberal although more people under 30 identify as liberal
- 2020: surveys showed that women were about 8 percent more likely to support Joe Biden than men; women are significantly less conservative than men
- New policy issues focused on morality and traditional family values attract more conservative religious groups

Updated section on THE INFLUENCE OF POLITICAL IDEOLOGY ON POLITICAL BEHAVIOR provides a breakdown of how liberals and conservatives voted in the 2020 elections

Updated Figure 6.5 CHANGES IN AMERICAN VOTERS’ LEVEL OF POLITICAL CONCEPTUALIZATION, 1956–2016

Updated section on HOW AMERICANS PARTICIPATE IN POLITICS provides a breakdown of how many registered voters participated in the 2018 and 2020 elections
### Chapter 7: The Mass Media and the Political Agenda

**Changes**

New chapter opening material features examples of President Trump’s preference for using Twitter as his primary method of communication.

Updated section on THE PRINT MEDIA discusses how newspaper readership and advertising dollars are declining sharply.

Updated Figure 7.1 HOW THE AUDIENCES OF CABLE NEWS CHANNELS ARE POLARIZED BY POLITICAL IDEOLOGY

Updated figure EXPLORE THE DATA: THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF ACCESS TO BROADBAND in the You Are the Policymaker feature.

Updated Figure 7.2 HOW THE UNITED STATES COMPARES TO OTHER ESTABLISHED DEMOCRACIES IN ITS SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING.

Updated section on FINDING THE NEWS includes positive examples of investigative reporting.

Updated Table 7.1 STORIES CITIZENS HAVE TUNED IN AND TUNED OUT.

### Chapter 8: Political Parties

**Changes**

Chapter opening material discusses the differing views of Democrats and Republicans on immigration.

Updated Figure 8.2 PARTY IDENTIFICATION IN THE UNITED STATES, 1952–2016.

The section on THE PARTY IN THE ELECTORATE notes that voters who are willing to split their tickets ensure that a single party might not carry an entire state.

Updated Table 8.1 YOUTHFUL INDEPENDENCE.

The section on THE PARTY IN GOVERNMENT: PROMISES AND POLICY discusses how important the party platforms were in the 2020 presidential elections; voters selected Biden over Trump in large part because of what the Democratic party promised.

Updated Table 8.2 PARTY PLATFORMS, 2020.

Updated Figure 8.3 PARTY COALITIONS TODAY.

The section on 1968–PRESENT: SOUTHERN REALIGNMENT AND THE ERA OF DIVIDED PARTY GOVERNMENT discusses how the government has been mostly split from time of Richard Nixon through the newly elected Joe Biden.

Updated Figure 8.4 REALIGNMENT IN THE SOUTH.

Updated Table 8.3 PARTISAN DIVISIONS ON KEY ROLL CALL VOTES DURING THE OBAMA PRESIDENCY.

### Chapter 9: Campaigns and Voting Behavior

**Changes**

Chapter opening material highlights the demands of running for office via an extended example of the Bernie Sanders campaign before Super Tuesday during the 2020 nomination race.

The section on THE CAUCUSES AND PRIMARIES includes information about the disproportionate time candidates spend in Iowa and the failed smartphone reporting app in the 2020 Iowa caucus.

Figure 9.1 HOW IOWA AND NEW HAMPSHIRE GET DISPROPORTIONATE ATTENTION IN THE NOMINATION CAMPAIGN uses data from 2007-2008.

The section on THE CONVENTION SEND-OFF describes the growing lack of public interest in the national party conventions.

The section on THE HIGH-TECH MEDIA CAMPAIGN contains information in the following areas:
- Candidates use social media to advertise their platforms and raise substantial campaign contributions.
- Candidates rely on extensive email lists to reach potential donors.

The section on REGULATIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS contains information in the following areas:
- The establishment of joint fundraising committees in the 2016 and 2020 election races enabled wealthy donors to contribute to multiple campaigns with a single check.
- The 1976 Supreme Court case of Buckley v. Valeo struck down a portion of the 1974 campaign reform act limited the amount individuals could contribute to their own campaigns.
Donald Trump used $65 million of his own money in the 2016 campaign.
Michael Bloomberg used over $1 billion of his own money in his failed bid for the 2020 Democratic nomination.

The section on WHETHER TO VOTE: A CITIZEN’S FIRST CHOICE contains information in the following areas:
- A detailed discussion of the reasons why eligible U.S. voters participate at a far lower rate than voters in other countries.
- The section on WHO VOTES? examines the demographics of who voted in the 2016 and 2018 national elections.

New section on 2020: AN ELECTION LIKE NO OTHER contains information in the following areas:
- Discussion of Donald Trump’s victory in the 2016 election and his willingness to break with norms during his presidency.
- Examination of the 2020 Democratic primaries and why Joe Biden was able to maintain his popularity and win the Democratic nomination.
- Discussion of how the coronavirus pandemic affected the general election campaign.
  - Biden’s campaign was run virtually, including drive-in style rallies.
  - Trump continued to hold mass rallies until he contracted the virus in October 2020.
  - Biden was able to win the election in part because of his position on how to manage the coronavirus pandemic.
- Analysis of the key to Biden’s victory: he won five states that Trump had carried four years earlier—Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Arizona, and Georgia.

New EXPLORE THE DATA: BATTLEGROUND STATES IN 2020 in the You Are the Policymaker feature.

Chapter 10: Interest Groups

Chapter opening material uses the example of the soda tax proposal during the Obama administration to demonstrate how interest groups can influence laws and policies.

The section on THE ROLE OF INTEREST GROUPS IN POLITICS uses data from 2007.

The section on ELECTIONEERING provides information about PAC spending in the 2017-2018 election cycle.

The updated section on ECONOMIC INTERESTS discusses the reasons behind the decline of unions in the U.S., including the decline of unions in the manufacturing sector and the increase of them in the public sector.

Chapter 11: Congress

Chapter opening material examines the Congressional gridlock that has been growing over the years but was very extreme between 2018-2020.

The updated section on REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS contains information in the following areas:
- The section on THE MEMBERS provides statistics on the underrepresentation in Congress of prominent groups (Latinos/African Americans/Native Americans/Asian Americans).
- The section on WHY AREN’T THERE MORE WOMEN IN CONGRESS? breaks down many of the reasons why women are not prominently represented in Congress.

Updated Table 11.1 A PORTRAIT OF THE 117TH CONGRESS**
Updated Figure 11.1 THE INCUMBENCY FACTOR IN CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS.
# Chapter 12: The Presidency

## Changes

Chapter opening material uses the challenges of President Trump’s 2020 State of the Union address to introduce this chapter.

- Updated Table 12.1 RECENT PRESIDENTS
- The section on HOW THEY GOT THERE has a new section on President Trump’s impeachment in 2019
- Updated Figure 12.1 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
- Updated Figure 12.2 PRINCIPAL OFFICES IN THE WHITE HOUSE
- Updated EXPLORE THE DATA: SHOULD WE INCREASE THE PRESIDENT’S LEGISLATIVE POWERS? in the You Are the Policymaker feature
- Updated Figure 12.3 PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL

Updated section on THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRESS contains information in the following areas:

- During the Trump presidency, the functions of the press secretary (conducting daily press briefings, giving prepared announcements and answering questions) have largely ended
- The section on NATURE OF NEWS COVERAGE describes President Trump’s contentious relationship with the media, including his constant refrain of “Fake News”

# Chapter 13: The Budget: The Politics of Taxing and Spending

## Changes

Chapter opening material uses examples of several budget crises to introduce the chapter.

- Updated Figure 13.1 THE FEDERAL BUDGET: AN OVERVIEW
- Updated section on FEDERAL REVENUE AND BORROWING contains information in the following areas:
  - The section on Personal and Corporate Income Tax includes a breakdown of who paid how much income tax in 2019
  - The section on BORROWING examines the exponential growth of the national debt
- Updated Figure 13.2 FEDERAL REVENUES
- Updated Figure 13.3 TOTAL NATIONAL DEBT
- Updated Table 13.1 TAX EXPENDITURES: EXAMPLES OF THE MONEY GOVERNMENT DOES NOT COLLECT
- Updated Figure 13.4 HOW BIG IS THE TAX BURDEN?
- Updated Figure 13.5 FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
- The section on THE RISE OF THE SOCIAL SERVICE STATE discusses how the largest piece of the national budget is now income security expenditures (not defense)
- Updated Figure 13.6 TRENDS IN NATIONAL DEFENSE SPENDING
- Updated Figure 13.7 TRENDS IN SOCIAL SERVICE SPENDING
- Updated Figure 13.10 FLUCTUATING DEFICITS

# Chapter 14: The Federal Bureaucracy

## Changes

Chapter opening material discusses the measures the federal government takes to ensure that our food is safe, using it as an example of federal bureaucracy.

- Updated Table 14.1 FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT
- Updated Figure 14.1 DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE OF FEDERAL NONPOSTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
- Updated Figure 14.2 CHARACTERISTICS OF FEDERAL NONPOSTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
- Updated Figure 14.3 ORGANIZATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The section on PRESIDENTS TRY TO CONTROL THE BUREAUCRACY describes how President Trump’s executive orders substantially decreased legal immigration and the number of refugees accepted into the United States; the executive orders also took money from the Pentagon’s budget to pay for building a wall on the border with Mexico after Congress refused to appropriate the funds requested

# Chapter 15: The Federal Courts

## Changes

The chapter opening material highlights the power of the federal courts and also raises the issue of the appropriate scope of judicial power in our society.

- Updated Table 15.1 SOURCES OF FULL OPINIONS IN THE SUPREME COURT, 2014–2015
The section on **RECENT NOMINATIONS** details how the Republican-held Senate rushed through the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett after stating in 2016 that they would not do so.

**Updated You Are the Policymaker** feature discusses the increased polarization of the Supreme Court appointments.

**Updated Table 15.4** THE CURRENT ROSTER OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

**Chapter 16: Economic and Social Welfare Policymaking**

**Changes**

New chapter opening discussion about the Trump administration’s attempt to enforce work requirements on food stamp recipients introduces the chapter.

**Updated Figure 16.1** UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY AGE AND RACE/ETHNICITY

Section on **MONETARY POLICY AND THE “FED”** reinforces the independence of the Fed even when administrations (like the Trump admin) try to sway their policies.

New section on **TARIFFS AS AN ECONOMIC TOOL UNDER PRESIDENT TRUMP** discusses how this administration reversed course on tariff policies that had been common since WWII.

The section on **INCOME, POVERTY, AND PUBLIC POLICY** contains information in the following areas:
- Discusses the widening extremes of income in the U.S.
- The section on **WHO’S GETTING WHAT?** examines the change in income distribution over the decades where the very rich have become richer while the poor have seen only marginal improvements.
- The section on **WHO’S POOR IN AMERICA?**
  - Discusses the fact that the official poverty counts tend to underestimate poverty.
  - Points out that the relationship between poverty and education is especially pronounced in the U.S. compared to other prosperous democracies.

**Updated Figure 16.2** THE INCREASE IN INCOME INEQUALITY AND THE RISE OF THE TOP 1 PERCENT

**Updated Figure 16.3** POVERTY RATES FOR PERSONS WITH SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS: A COMPARISON OF THE OFFICIAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL MEASURES

**New You Are the Policymaker** feature: **SHOULD CONGRESS INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE?**

New section on **HOW PUBLIC POLICY AFFECTS INCOME** contains information in the following areas:
- Examines the current federal income tax rates and the benefits of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).
- Discusses unemployment insurance and “in-kind” benefits.

The updated section on **ENDING WELFARE AS WE KNEW IT: THE WELFARE REFORM OF 1996** discusses TANF and why some people object to supporting it.

**Updated Figure 16.4** HOW WELFARE REFORM DRASTICALLY REDUCED THE WELFARE ROLLS

Section on **SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY ELSEWHERE** includes a comparison of the parental leave and other social benefits between the U.S. and Europe.

**Chapter 17: Policymaking for Health Care, the Environment, and Energy**

**Changes**

Chapter opening material discusses health care reform over the past decade.

The updated section on **HEALTH CARE POLICY** contains information in the following areas:
- The section on **THE COST OF HEALTH CARE** examines the staggering amount that Americans spend on health care and how quickly the costs are growing.
- The section on **ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE** discusses the inequities of access to health care and the growing uninsured population.
- The section on **THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN HEALTH CARE** discusses the 2020 coronavirus pandemic and the Trump administration’s lack of a federal response.

**Updated Figure 17.1** THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF HEALTH CARE

**Updated Figure 17.2** THE RISING COSTS OF HEALTH CARE

The section on **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY** contains information in the following areas:
- The section on **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES IN AMERICA** discusses the Trump Administration’s rollback of environmental protections for air, water, wilderness preservation, and endangered species.
- The section on **GLOBAL WARMING**
  - Discusses how the public believes that climate change is a serious problem, that it is caused by human activity, and that the federal government should act to ameliorate it.
Discusses the fact that Donald Trump denies the existence of global warming and pulled the U.S. out of the Paris accord.

**Chapter 18: National Security Policymaking**

**Changes**

Chapter opening material uses the example of 9/11 to introduce the chapter.

**Updated Figure 18.2 TRENDS IN DEFENSE SPENDING**

**Updated Figure 18.3 SIZE OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES**

The section on THE LARGER FOREIGN POLICY LANDSCAPE contains information in the following areas:

- The section on INTERNATIONAL TRADE discusses how the Trump turned the renegotiation of NAFTA into the new USMCA.
- The section on INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO COVID-19 discusses how the coronavirus pandemic is the biggest test yet of the international health community.
- The section on ENVIRONMENT discusses how after President Trump pulled out of the Paris accord, hundreds of state and local governments, colleges and universities, and businesses hope to meet the targets set by Paris.

**Updated Figure 18.5 RANKING LARGESSE**