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American Government Case

The patrolman has the most difficult, complex, and least understood task in the police department. Much less is known of him than of his better publicized colleague, the detective. In this important and timely book, James Q. Wilson describes the patrolman and the problems he faces that arise out of constraints imposed by law, politics, public opinion, and the expectations of superiors. The study considers how the uniformed officer in eight communities deals with such common offenses as assault, theft, drunkenness, vice, traffic, and disorderly conduct. Six of the communities are in New York State: Albany, Amsterdam, Brighton, Nassau County, Newburgh, and Syracuse. The others are Highland Park, Illinois, and Oakland, California. Enforcing laws dealing with common offenses is especially difficult because it raises the question of administrative discretion. Murder, in the eyes of the police, is unambiguously wrong, and murderers are accordingly arrested; but in cases such as street-corner scuffles or speeding motorists, the patrolman must decide whether to intervene (should the scuffle be stopped? should the motorist be pulled over?) and, if he does, just how to intervene (by arrest? a warning? an interrogation?). In most large organizations, the lowest-ranking members perform the more routinized tasks and the means of accomplishing these tasks are decided by superiors, but in a police department the lowest-ranking officer--the patrolman--is almost solely responsible for enforcing those laws which are the least precise, the most ambiguous. Three ways or "styles" of policing--the watchman, the legalistic, and the service styles--are analyzed and their relation to local politics is explored. In the final chapter, Mr. Wilson discusses if and how the patrolman's behavior can be changed and examines some current proposals for reorganizing police departments. He observes that the ability of the

patrolman to do his job well may determine our success in managing social conflict and our prospects for maintaining a proper balance between liberty and order. Table of Contents: 1. Introduction 2. THE PATROLMAN The Maintenance of Order Justice as a Constraint Some Organizational Consequences 3. THE POLICE ADMINISTRATOR Managing Discretion Critical Events 4. POLICE DISCRETION The Determinants of Discretion The Eight Communities The Uses of Discretion 5. THE WATCHMAN STYLE The Organizational Context Some Consequences 6. THE LEGALISTIC STYLE The Organizational Context Some Consequences 7. THE SERVICE STYLE The Organizational Context Some Consequences 8. POLITICS AND THE POLICE Politics and the Watchman Style Politics and the Service Style Politics and the Legalistic Style Some Findings from National Data 9. CONCLUSIONS AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS Reviews of this book: [This book] is a departure from the traditional treatise and actually does take a large and long-awaited step toward revitalizing an exciting and important but inexcusably weak area of political science. --The American Political Science Review Reviews of this book: This book "must unquestionably become an indispensable study of politics in the American city. It is based on enormous and detailed research The material is presented in a controlled and disciplined no-nonsense style. --New York Review of Books Reviews of this book: This is surely one of the most informative books about the police ever written . Varieties of Police Behavior is a rich, sophisticated book by an author unusually able to tackle the comprehensiveness and interdependence of the issues which affect police performance, and his analysis and conclusions have much to teach. --Times Literary Supplement It is, without doubt, the finest book on the American police ever written, and Professor Wilson is one of our best-known scholars of urban affairs Richfull to the brim with increasing details and shrewd insight. Anyone who wants to have an informed opinion about the policeman's relations to law and order ought to read it. --Irving Kristol

Social Science in Government

The Basics of American Government

While many Americans live in conditions of prosperity, a second nation--where illegitimacy, child and drug abuse, violence, criminality, and other social ills proliferate--is growing within.

Understanding America

James Q. Wilson is one of America's preeminent public policy scholars. For decades, he has analyzed the changing political and cultural landscape with clarity and honesty, bringing his wisdom to bear on all facets of American government and society. This is a collection of fifteen of Wilson's most insightful essays--drawing on thirty years of his observations on religion, crime, the media, terrorism and extremism, and the old-fashioned notion of 'character.' Readers of every political

persuasion will come away from this volume with a new understanding of how American politics and culture have evolved over the last half-century. These essays are not 'the grumpy words of a conservative who can't be reconciled to the realities of contemporary American life,' Wilson writes. Rather, they are straight talk from a painstaking empiricist and consummate social scientist who believes in American exceptionalism. *American Politics, Then & Now* is a compelling portrait of a beloved nation.

American Government

Presents a controversial history of violence which argues that today's world is the most peaceful time in human existence, drawing on psychological insights into intrinsic values that are causing people to condemn violence as an acceptable measure.

American Government

The authors have systematically surveyed the research in wide-ranging fields to assemble new scientific evidence on who commits crime and why.

The State of Public Bureaucracy

City Politics

Argues that mankind has a moral nature, and explores such values as sympathy, fairness, self-control, and duty

Crime Human Nature

The framers of the U. S. Constitution focused intently on the difficulties of achieving a workable middle ground between national and local authority. They located that middle ground in a new form of federalism that James Madison called the "compound republic." The term conveys the complicated and ambiguous intent of the framing generation and helps to make comprehensible what otherwise is bewildering to the modern citizenry: a form of government that divides and disperses official power between majorities of two different kinds—one composed of individual voters, and the other, of the distinct political societies we call states. America's federalism is the subject of this collection of essays by Martha Derthick, a leading scholar of American government. She explores the nature of the compound republic, with attention both to its

enduring features and to the changes wrought in the twentieth century by Progressivism, the New Deal, and the civil rights revolution. Interest in federalism is likely to increase in the wake of the 2000 presidential election. There are demands for reform of the electoral college, given heightened awareness that it does not strictly reflect the popular vote. The U. S. Supreme Court, under Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, has mounted an explicit and controversial defense of federalism, and new nominees to the Court are likely to be questioned on that subject and appraised in part by their responses. Derthick's essays invite readers to join the Court in weighing the contemporary importance of federalism as an institution of government.

American Government: Institutions and Policies

As crime rates inexorably rose during the tumultuous years of the 1970s, disputes over how to handle the violence sweeping the nation quickly escalated. James Q. Wilson redefined the public debate by offering a brilliant and provocative new argument—that criminal activity is largely rational and shaped by the rewards and penalties it offers—and forever changed the way Americans think about crime. Now with a new foreword by the prominent scholar and best-selling author Charles Murray, this revised edition of *Thinking About Crime* introduces a new generation of readers to the theories and ideas that have been so influential in shaping the American justice system.

American Government, Essentials Edition

Clear, concise and straightforward, *CALIFORNIA POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT: A PRACTICAL APPROACH*, 14th Edition, is the most up-to-date and readable text on this subject. Students gain an understanding of how government and politics work, as well as how they affect their world. The book provides insight into real-life politics as it illustrates the complex forces at work in state government, and current examples enable students to comprehend the ins and outs of California politics. Coverage includes the 2016 elections as well as updates on judicial appointments, the impact of revised term limits for legislators, the state of California's budget, crime and prisons, water and immigration policy, and more. The impact of politics on public policy is integrated throughout the text, helping students see the impact of government and legislation. This text is ideally suited as a companion for an American government class, as well as a foundation for a course on state government. 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, Enhanced

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American Government: Brief Version

Does the separation of powers still work?

Two Nations

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.

American Government, AP* Edition

Wilson/Dilulio/Bose/Levendusky's AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES, ENHANCED, 16th Edition, combines excellent scholarship with practical examples and insight to give you a clear understanding of the U.S. government. The authors highlight current issues in American politics, focusing on the importance of governmental institutions, the historical development of procedures and policies as well as on who governs in the U.S. and to what ends. Up-to-date coverage includes changes during the Trump administration and results of the 2018 midterm elections. Links to contemporary debates on policy dynamics give you the opportunity to identify important issues in American politics, apply what you learn and maximize your comprehension. 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

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.

American Government: Institutions and Policies, Essentials Edition

Why Government Fails So Often

The American Condition

This popular brief edition text maintains the framework of the Wilson, Dilulio, and Bose complete text, emphasizing the historical development of the American political system, who governs, and to what ends. Completely up to date, AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: BRIEF VERSION, Eleventh Edition offers new coverage of such key and emerging issues as the 2012 campaigns and elections; leadership of President Obama and the 112th Congress; the economic downturn and ensuing policies; healthcare reform; foreign relations with North Korea and Iran; the war in Afghanistan; and more. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Preparing for the AP United States Government & Politics Examination

Crime in the United States has fluctuated considerably over the past thirty years, as have the policy approaches to deal with it. During this time criminologists and other scholars have helped to shed light on the role of incarceration, prevention, drugs, guns, policing, and numerous other aspects to crime control. Yet the latest research is rarely heard in public discussions and is often missing from the desks of policymakers. This book accessibly summarizes the latest scientific information on the causes of crime and evidence about what does and does not work to control it. Thoroughly revised and updated, this new version of Crime and Public Policy will include twenty chapters and five new substantial entries. As with previous editions, each essay reviews the existing literature, discusses the methodological rigor of the studies, identifies what policies and programs the studies suggest, and then points to policies now implemented that fail to reflect the

evidence. The chapters cover the principle institutions of the criminal justice system (juvenile justice, police, prisons, probation and parole, sentencing), how broader aspects of social life inhibit or encourage crime (biology, schools, families, communities), and topics currently generating a great deal of attention (criminal activities of gangs, sex offenders, prisoner reentry, changing crime rates). With contributions from trusted, leading scholars, Crime and Public Policy offers the most comprehensive and balanced guide to how the latest and best social science research informs the understanding of crime and its control for policymakers, community leaders, and students of crime and criminal justice.

Varieties of Police Behavior

The authors explore the many ways that gender and communication intersect and affect each other. Every chapter encourages a consideration of how gender attitudes and practices, past and current, influence personal notions of what it means not only to be female and male, but feminine and masculine. The second edition of this student friendly and accessible text is filled with contemporary examples, activities, and exercises to help students put theoretical concepts into practice.

American Government

Political Organizations

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES, 15th Edition 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 product text may not be available in the ebook version.

American Government, Essentials Edition: Institutions and Policies

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.

The Andromeda Strain

Forty years ago, viewers who wanted to watch the news could only choose from among the major broadcast networks, all of which presented the same news without any particular point of view. Today we have a much broader array of choices, including cable channels offering a partisan take. With partisan programs gaining in popularity, some argue that they are polarizing American politics, while others counter that only a tiny portion of the population watches such programs and that their viewers tend to already hold similar beliefs. In *How Partisan Media Polarize America*, Matthew Levendusky confirms—but also qualifies—both of these claims. Drawing on experiments and survey data, he shows that Americans who watch partisan programming do become more certain of their beliefs and less willing to weigh the merits of opposing views or to compromise. And while only a small segment of the American population watches partisan media programs, those who do tend to be more politically engaged, and their effects on national politics are therefore far-reaching. In a time when politics seem doomed to partisan discord, *How Partisan Media Polarize America* offers a much-needed clarification of the role partisan media might play.

Thinking About Crime

American Government: Institutions and Policies, Brief Version

Keeping the Compound Republic

"From healthcare to workplace conduct, the federal government is taking on ever more responsibility for managing our lives. At the same time, Americans have never been more disaffected with Washington, seeing it as an intrusive, incompetent, wasteful giant. The most alarming consequence of ineffective policies, in addition to unrealized social goals, is

the growing threat to the government's democratic legitimacy. Understanding why government fails so often--and how it might become more effective--is an urgent responsibility of citizenship. In this book, lawyer and political scientist Peter Schuck provides a wide range of examples and an enormous body of evidence to explain why so many domestic policies go awry--and how to right the foundering ship of state. Schuck argues that Washington's failures are due not to episodic problems or partisan bickering, but rather to deep structural flaws that undermine every administration, Democratic and Republican. These recurrent weaknesses include unrealistic goals, perverse incentives, poor and distorted information, systemic irrationality, rigidity and lack of credibility, a mediocre bureaucracy, powerful and inescapable markets, and the inherent limits of law. To counteract each of these problems, Schuck proposes numerous achievable reforms, from avoiding moral hazard in student loan, mortgage, and other subsidy programs, to empowering consumers of public services, simplifying programs and testing them for cost-effectiveness, and increasing the use of "big data." The book also examines successful policies--including the G.I. Bill, the Voting Rights Act, the Earned Income Tax Credit, and airline deregulation--to highlight the factors that made them work. An urgent call for reform, *Why Government Fails So Often* is essential reading for anyone curious about why government is in such disrepute and how it can do better"--

The Moral Sense

Cites successful examples of community-based policing

How Partisan Media Polarize America

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American Politics, Then & Now

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 product text may not be available in the ebook version.

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California Politics and Government: A Practical Approach

The guide includes chapter focus, study outlines, "Did You Think That?" and practice questions with answers.

Crime and Public Policy

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.

Bureaucracy

The idea of an exceptional America remains controversial. In this dazzlingly comprehensive collection of essays, some of the nation's best scholars and thinkers take on the weighty task of sizing up Goliath in a way Americans and others can comprehend. These twenty studies in American exceptionalism provide a solidly researched and in-depth analysis on the current state of our institutions, our values, and our challenges for the future.

Fixing Broken Windows

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.

American Government

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.

Separation of Powers--does it Still Work?

A new, substantially updated, and expanded version of a classic work on how to evaluate public policy published over a decade ago.

American Government: Brief Version

Originally published: New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1969.

American Government: Institutions and Policies: The Essentials

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.

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