

STAYING CURRENT

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER CHANGES

CHAPTER 1 PEOPLE, POLITICS, AND PARTICIPATION

- Updated coverage of the changing demographics based on latest census
- An integrated look at how the global economic recession has influenced political ideologies, participation, and goals

CHAPTER 2 THE CONSTITUTION

- New political inquiry questions embedded within the Annotated Constitution to address recent political events and issues
- An evaluation of the significance of the American Constitution across the globe

CHAPTER 3 FEDERALISM

- New coverage of the implications of the growing deficit and the loss of federal monies for intergovernmental relations
- New section exploring how domestic policies are an outcome of intergovernmental relations, with a look at current issues, such as immigration
- Added information on the federal Race to the Top grant program
- An in-depth look into the evolution of grants-in-aid and an assessment of their impact on the federal deficit
- Updated data in tables and figures throughout the chapter

CHAPTER 4 CIVIL LIBERTIES

- Coverage of the Occupy Movement and the civil liberties issues raised during these protests
- New information on the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012 and military detentions
- New feature exploring how new technology is facilitating movements that advocate for civil liberties around the world
- New coverage of the *Snyder v. Phelps* decision and *United States v. Jones*
- Updated figures showing state marriage and death penalty laws

CHAPTER 5 CIVIL RIGHTS

- New section devoted to the Third Wave of feminism
- Revised coverage of the civil rights movement to reflect current historiography
- An exploration of new Supreme Court rulings
- New figure exploring the wage gap

CHAPTER 6 POLITICAL SOCIALIZATION AND PUBLIC OPINION

- Updated data on party affiliation by religiosity, race, and support for 2012 Republican and Democratic candidates
- Analysis of the gender gap and President Obama's approval rating
- An evaluation of the impact of cell phone technology on polling
- New and updated figures about public trust in government

CHAPTER 7 INTEREST GROUPS

- New in-depth analysis of the role of the *Citizens United* decision in the emergence of SuperPACs and new forms of soft money
- Integration of recent examples and the role of interest groups in the 2012 elections
- Updated data on lobbying and lobbyists

CHAPTER 8 POLITICAL PARTIES

- New assessment of the challenges of truncated government
- Current analysis of the impact of the Tea Party
- Updated tables and figures

CHAPTER 9 ELECTIONS, CAMPAIGNS, AND VOTING

- New section exploring how 527s and 501(c)4s are now circumventing campaign finance rules
- Coverage of the impact of *Citizens United* on the 2012 elections



- A look at the most recent examples of direct democracy recalls, initiatives, and referendums
- New analysis of absentee voting

CHAPTER 10 THE MEDIA

- An updated analysis of the traditional media's response to their shrinking market
- An evaluation of the impact of talk radio on civic discourse
- Added coverage of convergence and consolidation
- New coverage of indecency regulations

CHAPTER 11 POLITICS AND TECHNOLOGY

- An examination of the modern media revolution and the users of new technology
- An analysis of how technology is changing the nature of political communication, community activism, political participation, campaigning, and governing
- An evaluation of the political impact, both positive and negative, of new technologies
- An exploration of whether regulation of the Internet is necessary

CHAPTER 12 CONGRESS

- Inclusion of apportionment data for 2010
- Coverage of Congressional efforts to place a moratorium on earmarks
- Increased discussion of congressional policy making, including earmarks and health care legislation

CHAPTER 13 THE PRESIDENCY

- Coverage of the 2012 presidential election
- Expanded coverage of President Obama's use of presidential powers to pursue his agenda

CHAPTER 14 THE BUREAUCRACY

- Coverage of recent changes to federal hiring policies
- Updated data on the federal workforce and budget
- A new analysis of federal outsourcing

CHAPTER 15 THE JUDICIARY

- Updated analysis of the Roberts Supreme Court
- Added emphasis on the growth of the federal court system
- Added coverage of political considerations in the nomination and confirmation process
- New in-depth coverage of judicial decision making
- An expanded discussion of the sources and types of U.S. law

CHAPTER 16 ECONOMIC POLICY

- An expanded exploration of deficit spending, the debt, and economic health
- The latest data illustrating the health of the U.S. economy

CHAPTER 17 DOMESTIC POLICY

- An expanded analysis of the evolution of energy policy and current issues
- New information on energy independence
- Updated discussion of immigration data and policy

CHAPTER 18 FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY

- Updated analysis of the war in Afghanistan
- An evaluation of recent events in the Middle East

