

Civics Today Chapter 10

Regardless of age and experience, young adults must be mindful of their digital presence in the expanding digital world. This book provides a guide for librarians, educators, counselors, and administrators to guide secondary and higher education students in successfully practicing responsible citizenship and civics in the digital world.

The 2016 election of Donald J. Trump invoked a time for reflection about the state of American politics and its deep ideological, cultural, racial, regional, and economic divisions. But one aspect that the contemporary discussions often miss is that these fissures have been opening over several decades and are deeply rooted in the structure of American politics and society. In *Polarization: What Everyone Needs to Know*® Nolan McCarty takes readers through what scholars know and don't know about the origins, development, and implications of our rising political conflicts, delving into social, economic, and geographic determinants of polarization in the United States. While the current political climate seems to suggest that extreme views are becoming more popular, McCarty also argues that, contrary to popular belief, the 2016 election was a natural outgrowth of 40 years of polarized politics, rather than a significant break with the past. He evaluates arguments over which factors that have created this state of affairs, including gerrymandered legislative districts, partisan primary nomination systems, and our private campaign finance system. He also considers the potential of major reforms such as instating proportional representation or ranked choice voting to remedy extreme polarization. A concise overview of a complex and crucial topic in US politics, this book is for anyone wanting to understand how to repair the cracks in our system.

Imagine an America where governmental institutions, schools, new technologies, and interest groups work together to promote more informed citizens. *Civic Education in the Twenty-First Century* brings together the research of scholars from various disciplines to show that by expanding what is done in isolation, we can realize such a healthy civic ecology. New York Times Bestseller *What are the consequences if the people given control over our government have no idea how it works?* "The election happened," remembers Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, then deputy secretary of the Department of Energy. "And then there was radio silence." Across all departments, similar stories were playing out: Trump appointees were few and far between; those that did show up were shockingly uninformed about the functions of their new workplace. Some even threw away the briefing books that had been prepared for them. Michael Lewis's brilliant narrative takes us into the engine rooms of a government under attack by its own leaders. In Agriculture the funding of vital programs like food stamps and school lunches is being slashed. The Commerce Department may not have enough staff to conduct the 2020 Census properly. Over at Energy, where international nuclear risk is managed, it's not clear there will be enough inspectors to track and locate black market uranium before terrorists do. Willful ignorance plays a role in these looming disasters. If your ambition is to maximize short-term gains without regard to the long-term cost, you are better off not knowing those costs. If you want to preserve your personal immunity to the hard problems, it's better never to really understand those problems. There is upside to ignorance, and downside to knowledge. Knowledge makes life messier. It makes it a bit more difficult for a person who wishes to shrink the world to a worldview. If there are dangerous fools in this book, there are also heroes, unsung, of course. They are the linchpins of the system—those public servants whose knowledge, dedication, and proactivity keep the machinery running. Michael Lewis finds them, and he asks them what keeps them up at night.

American Government: In the United States, the government gets its power to govern from the people. We have a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Citizens in the United States shape their government and its policies, so they must learn about important public issues and get involved in their communities. Learning about American government helps you understand your rights and responsibilities and allows you to fully participate in the American political process. The Founders of this country decided that the United States should be a representative democracy. They wanted a nation ruled by laws, not by men. In a representative democracy, the people choose officials to make laws and represent their views and concerns in government. This book will help you understand the principles of American democracy, the U.S. system of government, and the important rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship.

A fresh, accessible perspective on the fundamentals

Democracy requires citizens who can argue as friends. Disagreement drives our democratic processes, but outrage and enmity degrade the civic fabric that enables us to govern ourselves. We Must Not Be Enemies explores the American tradition of civic debate and argues that the health of our democracy requires that we work to recover this tradition.

Twenty-five leaders from the higher education and service-learning sectors provide insight into what works in building citizenship through civic engagement on their campuses and communities. From small colleges to large universities, these strong voices demonstrate that American democracy is very much active and prepared for the 21st century.

This book empowers teachers to support student activists. The authors examine arguments for promoting student activism, explore state and national curriculum standards, suggest activist projects, and report examples of student individual and group activism. By offering suggestions for engaging students as activists across the K-12 curriculum and by including the stories of student activists who became lifetime activists, the book demonstrates how activism can serve to bolster democracy and be a component of rich, experiential learning. Including interviews with student and teacher activists, this volume highlights issues such as racial and immigrant justice, anti-gun violence, and climate change.

This concise, highly affordable text provides an engaging, analytical approach to American Government that stresses the importance of elections in contemporary American politics. Written in a strong narrative voice and brimming with student-relevant examples, America's New Democracy provides a focused and stimulating treatment of politics in the United States. Illustrating popular influence across the political system in defense of a central theme—that elections matter more in America's political system today than they have in the past or do in other democracies—the book challenges the

pessimistic view that government seldom listens to ordinary people. America's New Democracy encourages readers to see that in a system where votes are the main currency, both power and responsibility rest on the shoulders of all citizens.

In 2016, 90% of young Americans reported an interest in politics. 80% intended to vote. Yet only 43% of people between the ages of 18 and 29 ended up actually casting a ballot. Making Young Voters investigates what lies at the core of this gap. The authors' in-depth, interdisciplinary approach reveals that political apathy is not the reason for low levels of youth turnout. Rather, young people too often fail to follow through on their political interests and intentions. Those with 'noncognitive' skills related to self-regulation are more likely to overcome internal and external barriers to participation. This book combines theory from psychology, economics, child development, and more to explore possible solutions rooted in civic education and electoral reform. This potentially paradigm-shifting contribution to the literature of American politics serves to influence not only our understanding of voter turnout, but also the fundamental connections between the education system, electoral institutions, and individual civic behavior in a democracy. How young people vote affects not only each individual future, but that of the United States, and of us all.

American Government does more than any other text to get students to think analytically about American politics and government. The successful Five Principles of Politics framework integrated throughout the full and core versions helps students make sense of the material they encounter in the course, and the political information they encounter in their daily lives. In this 2008 Election Update Edition, sections have been thoroughly updated to reflect recent developments in American politics and a new election chapter provides an analysis of the pivotal 2008 electoral races.

Reading Essentials and Study Guide (English and Spanish): Reinforce critical concepts from the text and help students improve their reading-for-information skills with this essential resource, written 2-3 grade levels below the Student Edition. Apathy and antipathy toward politics are epidemic. Citizen Democracy provides the antidote. In this revised and updated edition, Stephen E. Frantzich portrays citizens from every walk of life - rich and poor, old and young, black and white, male and female, left and right, famous and obscure - as they choose to become involved in politics at a level to which readers can relate. Citizen Democracy shows ordinary people engaged in extraordinary civic activity. Their causes run the gamut from civil rights to flag burning, from the Internet to the environment - but their common cause is the fact that they creatively entered the arena of national public policy making and made a difference.

An expert on US election law presents an encouraging assessment of current efforts to make our voting system more accessible, reliable, and effective. In contrast to the anxiety surrounding our voting system, with stories about voter suppression and manipulation, there are actually quite a few positive initiatives toward voting rights reform. Professor Joshua A. Douglas, an expert on our electoral system, examines these encouraging developments in this inspiring book about how regular Americans are working to take back their democracy, one community at a time. Told through the narratives of those working on positive voting rights reforms, Douglas includes chapters on expanding voter eligibility, easing voter registration rules, making voting more convenient, enhancing accessibility at the polls, providing voters with more choices, finding ways to comply with voter ID rules, giving redistricting back to the voters, pushing back on big money through local and state efforts, using journalism to make the system more accountable, and improving civics education. At the end, the book includes an appendix that lists organizations all over the country working on these efforts. Unusually accessible for a lay audience and thoroughly researched, this book gives anyone fed up with our current political environment the ideas and tools necessary to affect change in their own communities.

Not everyone in the United States is eligible to vote. Voting rules are different in every state. For federal elections, however, voters must have U.S. citizenship to vote. Voters must be 18 on or before the next Election Day to cast their ballot. People must live in their state for a certain period of time before being eligible to vote. All people wishing to vote must be registered by a certain date depending on which state they live in. This book explains who is eligible to vote in U.S. elections as well as who is not eligible to vote. Readers will make connections to the text through closely related, colorful photographs.

"The 2000 presidential election, with its problems in Florida, was not the first major vote-counting controversy in the nation's history--nor the last. Ballot Battles traces the evolution of America's experience with these disputes, from 1776 to now, explaining why they have proved persistently troublesome and offering an institutional solution"--

Classic Books Library presents this brand new edition of "The Federalist Papers", a collection of separate essays and articles compiled in 1788 by Alexander Hamilton. Following the United States Declaration of Independence in 1776, the governing doctrines and policies of the States lacked cohesion. "The Federalist", as it was previously known, was constructed by American statesman Alexander Hamilton, and was intended to catalyze the ratification of the United States Constitution. Hamilton recruited fellow statesmen James Madison Jr., and John Jay to write papers for the compendium, and the three are known as some of the Founding Fathers of the United States. Alexander Hamilton (c. 1755-1804) was an American lawyer, journalist and highly influential government official. He also served as a Senior Officer in the Army between 1799-1800 and founded the Federalist Party, the system that governed the nation's finances. His contributions to the Constitution and leadership made a significant and lasting impact on the early development of the nation of the United States.

A Journey through North Carolina is an 8th grade textbook. The outline for this book is based on the North Carolina Social Studies Standard Course of Study and teaches students to examine the roles of people, events, and issues in North Carolina history that have contributed to the unique character of the state today. Key concepts of geography, civics, and economics are incorporated throughout the course for a fuller understanding. The student edition has many features such as Unit Openers, Sequencing Timelines, Chapter Previews, Chapter Opener Maps, Key Terms, primary source activities, and North Carolina Portraits that challenge students to draw conclusions and demonstrate comprehension. TABLE OF CONTENTS Chapter 1 Setting the Scene Chapter 2 Cultures Meet Chapter 3 Colonial North Carolina Chapter 4 An Era of Revolution Chapter 5 Life in the New State Chapter 6 A Divided Nation Chapter 7 The Aftermath of War Chapter 8 Into a New Century Chapter 9 Depression, War, and Recovery Chapter 10 A Time of Turmoil and Change Chapter 11 Prosperity, Diversity, and Challenge

Reviews and discusses landmark cases heard by the United States Supreme court from 1803 through 2000.

Designed for high school students and motivated lay readers, this book will be an introduction to the rights held by American citizens under the U.S. Constitution as explored through a series of historical case studies. Each chapter will use dramatic narrative to illustrate a right in action. Most examples, but not all, will use U.S. Supreme Court cases to focus on a time when the right in question received its modern interpretation. The aim, however, will be to use each chapter to discuss how the right applies today and how courts and other interpreters seek to balance this right with important societal concerns, such as the need for order and public safety. The book will begin with a 20-page chapter on how we arrived at our modern concept of rights. The major interpretive thread will be the continual struggle to define limits on the power of the state. The chapter will introduce several key themes: our understanding of rights has emerged from history (experience); our

definition and interpretation of rights is always evolving; concepts of rights are always under contention; and various actors-legislatures, executives, and courts-compete to be the final interpreter of our rights. American constitutional rights generally fall into one of three groups-rights of democracy, that is, rights required for American democracy to work effectively; rights of the accused, or due process rights that assure a fair trial for individuals accused of crimes; and other rights of persons, including the right to privacy. A fourth category of rights are not constitutional per se, but often we conceive of them as such even though often they are statutory rights, such as the right to education... A concluding chapter will discuss other rights that may evolve as a result of current political and social movements, such as the right to health care. Along with *Our Constitution and Pivotal Supreme Court Cases* (working title), this book has the potential to become a core text for the annual observance of Constitution Day on September 17, which is mandated by Congress for all educational institutions receiving federal funds.

The Presidential Election of 2020: Donald Trump and the Crisis of Democracy analyzes the election in the context of the Trump presidency, his self-aggrandizing behavior and the threat he posed to the continuation of democracy in America. Trump's behavior leading up to the election and in the transition period that followed, and his and others' continuing efforts to introduce an authoritarian governing system represents the nation's number one challenge.

Building Citizenship: Civics & Economics engages students in principles that serve as the foundation of our government and economy while emphasizing real-life citizenship and personal financial literacy. This practical, interactive Civics and Economics curriculum includes a strong emphasis on critical thinking, project-based learning, document-based analysis and questions, and the development of close reading skills. Connect to core civics and economics content with an accessible, student-friendly text aligned to the Understanding by Design® instructional approach

. *Renewal of Life by Transmission*. The most notable distinction between living and inanimate things is that the former maintain themselves by renewal. A stone when struck resists. If its resistance is greater than the force of the blow struck, it remains outwardly unchanged. Otherwise, it is shattered into smaller bits. Never does the stone attempt to react in such a way that it may maintain itself against the blow, much less so as to render the blow a contributing factor to its own continued action. While the living thing may easily be crushed by superior force, it none the less tries to turn the energies which act upon it into means of its own further existence. If it cannot do so, it does not just split into smaller pieces (at least in the higher forms of life), but loses its identity as a living thing. As long as it endures, it struggles to use surrounding energies in its own behalf. It uses light, air, moisture, and the material of soil. To say that it uses them is to say that it turns them into means of its own conservation. As long as it is growing, the energy it expends in thus turning the environment to account is more than compensated for by the return it gets: it grows. Understanding the word "control" in this sense, it may be said that a living being is one that subjugates and controls for its own continued activity the energies that would otherwise use it up. Life is a self-renewing process through action upon the environment.

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 2e is designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of the single-semester American Government course. This title includes innovative features designed to enhance student learning, including Insider Perspective features and a Get Connected module that shows students how they can get engaged in the political process. The book provides an important opportunity for students to learn the core concepts of American Government and understand how those concepts apply to their lives and the world around them.

Arizona Civics and Government is a textbook designed to teach high school students 100% of the Arizona Civics and Government Learning Standards. Students will learn the local and national history of the constitutions of the United States and Arizona through use of primary sources, timelines, Words to Know, Arizona Portraits, and activities that support the standards. Students will learn about American institutions and Arizona state history. This comprehensive book also demonstrates the essentials for civics and government in Arizona; trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. TABLE OF CONTENTS Chapter 1 Roots of Our Government Chapter 2 Road to Independence Chapter 3 Creating the U.S. Constitution Chapter 4 Our Living Constitution Chapter 5 A Political History of Arizona Chapter 6 The Legislative Branch Chapter 7 The Executive Branch Chapter 8 The Executive Branch: Administrative Agencies Chapter 9 The Judicial Branch Chapter 10 Local Governments Chapter 11 Citizenship Responsibilities

This book examines how the social, political and economic environment shapes citizens' voting behaviour.

Why do so few of us trust our government, take interest in politics, or assume active roles in our communities? *Engaged* provides a unique perspective on the state of our civic life today and why it matters to democracy. It explores key aspects of engagement through personal stories, vignette's from the Shaw neighborhood in Washington, DC, and inspiring examples of those who are trying to bring about change. Our political gridlock and the election of 2016 have revealed growing levels of mistrust and disengagement. Participating in civic life is just not made easy for many of us but has demonstrable impact to the world around us. This book makes the case for investing more of our time and energy into our civic lives, both as a country and individuals.

Engaged speaks to all Americans -- veterans, entrepreneurs, religious leaders, community organizers, educators, parents, and everyday citizens -- who want to make a difference in the country we all love.

Although the field of deliberative civic engagement is growing rapidly around the world, our knowledge and understanding of its practice and impacts remain highly fragmented. *Democracy in Motion* represents the first comprehensive attempt to assess the practice and impact of deliberative civic engagement. Organized in a series of chapters that address the big questions of deliberative civic engagement, it uses theory, research, and practice from around the world to explore what we know about, how we know it, and what remains to be understood. More than a simple summary of research, the book is designed to be accessible and useful to a wide variety of audiences, from scholars and practitioners working in numerous disciplines and fields, to public officials, activists, and average citizens who are seeking to utilize deliberative civic engagement in their communities. The book significantly enhances current scholarship, serving as a guide to existing research and identifying useful future research. It also has promise for enhancing practice, for example by helping practitioners, public officials, and others better think through and articulate issues of design and outcomes, thus enabling them to garner more support for public deliberation activities. In addition, by identifying what remains to be learned about public deliberation, practitioners and public officials may be inspired to connect with scholars to conduct research and evaluations of their efforts.

Educating for citizenship was the original mission of American schools, but for decades that knowledge—also known as civics education—has been in decline, as schools have shifted focus to college and career, STEM, and raising reading and math scores. But over the last few years, spurred on by political polarization and a steep decline in public understanding, civics education is seeing a nation-wide resurgence, as school leaders, educators, and parents recognize the urgency of teaching young people how America works—especially young people who have been marginalized from the political system. But this isn't your grandmother's civics. The "new" civics has been updated and re-tooled for the phone-addicted, multi-cultural, globalized twenty-first century kid. From combatting "fake news" with fact checking in Silicon Valley, to reviving elementary school social studies in Nashville, to learning civic activism in Oklahoma City, journalist Holly Korbey documents the grassroots revival happening across the country. Along the way, she provides an essential guidebook for educators, school leaders and caregivers of all types who want to educate a new generation of engaged citizens at a critical time in American democracy.

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