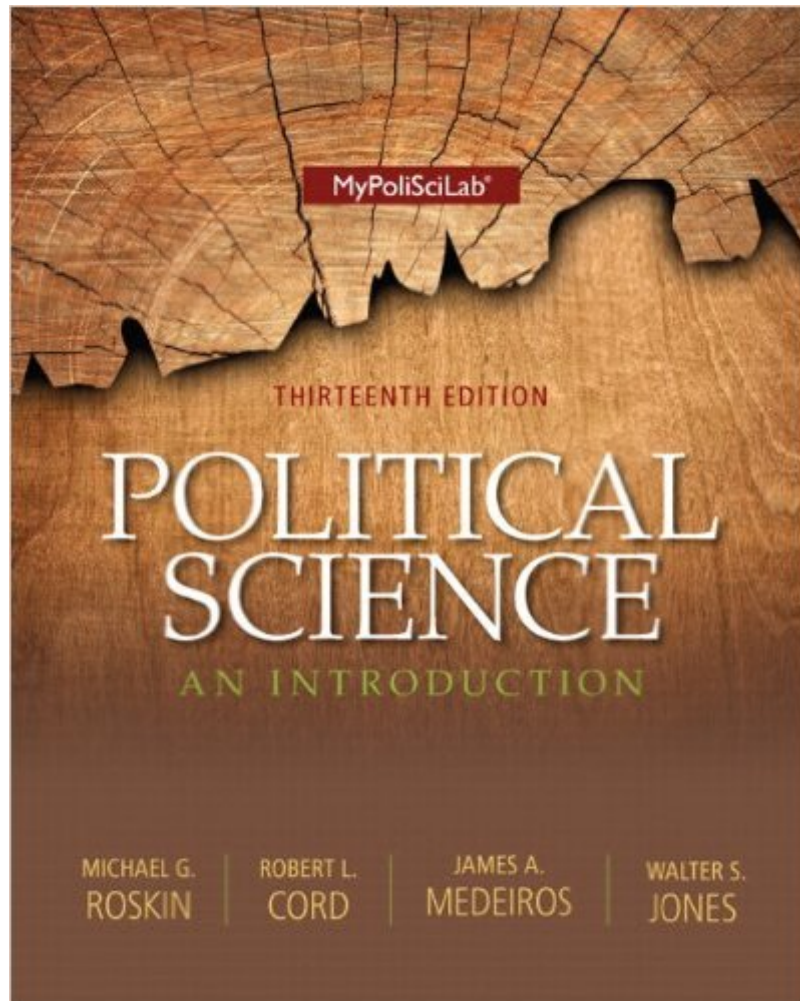


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Roskin explains the political system in very simple, brief, and direct terms. Short chapters, easy concepts to understand and grasp, and an overall good examination into the political systems of the

U.S. and other nations. It is a good book for introduction/lower division political science classes.

This paperback book is lightweight and condensed with lots of easy to read study information. Each chapter is clear, thorough and well formatted with key reference terms identified and referenced. I thought this book might be boring but on the contrary, it has been very interesting with lots of history noted within the study of politics. Although I didn't have a choice in my book purchase as this was for a class, I feel this book could be read, understood and enjoyed by individuals reading for pleasure and knowledge.

This book's author comes off through its pages as a newly-graduated socialist who loves the ideology but doesn't want to be branded with its title so he calls himself an independent and attacks anyone who disagrees with his "universal truth." I like studying political science, but I never act as though whatever I believe is without flaws, much like the author of this book does. Then again, it's difficult to understand what the author's point was in writing the book, as most of it plays out as a disjointed and frustrating text by someone who is struggling with repressed ideological alignments. When the book starts it discusses the percolating up and down models, where either society is a reflection of the state or vice versa. While our good author mentions this, he never really explains what position the book takes, so when I did an online quiz for the chapter it puzzled me considerably. Then it drowns on about different social theories in a very eloquent style that looks good until you realize it doesn't help for study and fails to convey anything meaningful that the author is thinking. One might argue that this was used to eliminate bias, but it undermines firm study points and makes the author look like a man for all seasons without saying anything worthwhile about his beliefs. At the end, the text comes off as a convoluted mesh of partisanship and pseudo science that made me waste time when completing assignments in a class that could have been more enjoyable. I would have much preferred an unabashed socialist (or whichever ideology the author is) text that makes me think based upon that opinion, thus allowing for compelling arguments and workable exam study. Not recommended to students at all. Even if you love the author's viewpoints (which are impossible to find in the text), you will discover that it is a painfully long and boring ride for an introductory book.

I was really looking forward to this class in college. But after reading 6 chapters or so, the author is totally biased. The concept of nationalism bleeds through all the author's information. So, what starts to happen, is the United States seems to be the best of the best; we are at the top of every

"good" list; for example, the author suggests the highest levels of freedoms exist in the United States---which is obviously wrong, as we are not the freest. So beware. I recommend supplementing this with another book or lecture series. Eddie S. Jackson[...]

My professor's intent when requiring this book was finding a text with numerous points that could be debated and refuted. This book lives up to that expectation in that it contains a very irritating level of bias, and was clearly written with a political message in mind. I would not recommend this text to other students seeking a relatively unbiased political science introductory text.

Poor quality overall. Not worth the price. The author is extremely biased for most part of it. Textbooks should not include the author's opinions on issues. It also isn't thorough not interesting. The pages fell apart (which has never happened to any of my books or textbooks). I do not recommend it.

First off, to be honest, I am not sure if the text is biased or not. I do recall a section where he states that the Republican Party is the party for rich white males and the Democrats are the "everyone else" category. He seems to insult both with fervor. As far as content and layout, the book is not great, and is downright confusing at times. The author mixes in gross generalizations and his own opinion into fact and tries to pass it off as such. He makes sarcastic comments such as posted by another reviewer about needing terrorist attacks and such to ignite interest in politics. I mean honestly, who really says things like that? And we should be learning from this guy? No thank you. The only "good" parts of this book are the tips on writing papers which are actually helpful. Ironical that the best parts of the book are not actually about politics at all.

I took a political science class and when I got my initial syllabus this was the book I needed, however once school started I realized I got the wrong edition. However even though it is the previous edition I am still in the same chapters as the rest of my class and all of the information is all there- though some page numbers may be off. Overall this was a great book.

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