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the presidential election of 2012 was hotly contested with polls showing president barack obama and governor mitt romney neck and neck at various points during the campaign in the end democrat obama won reelection by nearly four percentage points at the national level he won 26 states and the district of columbia to republican romney s 24 states obama s victory confirmed that the election of the first african american president in 2008 was not a fluke suggesting that racial

attitudes in the united states have indeed matured in the recent past bringing together leading political geographers and political scientists this authoritative atlas analyzes and maps the campaigns primaries general election and key state referenda in the 2012 elections the contributors offer a comprehensive and detailed assessment of a wide array of election issues and results including presidential primaries newspaper endorsements and campaign stops the results of the presidential election at the regional and national levels and key voting patterns by race and ethnicity religion occupational groups age and poverty moving beyond the national race the atlas examines important senatorial and gubernatorial races and considers selected state referenda including the marijuana votes in colorado and washington and same sex marriage referenda in maryland washington colorado and minnesota the voting patterns identified in 2012 elections are also compared to earlier contests to provide political and geographic context over time illustrated with nearly 200 meticulously drawn full color maps the atlas will be an essential reference and a fascinating resource for pundits voters campaign staffs and political junkies alike

this book is the most comprehensive review of all the major proposals to rewrite revise or even replace the u s constitution covering more than 170 proposals from the nation s beginnings to the present day the u s constitution was carefully written by a remarkable group of men but subsequent generations of americans have devoted enormous time and energy to improving it from colonial times to the present day americans of all political persuasions have campaigned to reform remake or replace this key document the growth of the internet and self publishing has spawned a virtual explosion of such proposals this book documents the numerous ideas for change some practical some idealistic and some bordering on fanatical that reflect america s constitutional heritage and could shape the nation s future re framers 170 eccentric visionary and patriotic proposals to rewrite the u s constitution sets the stage for this review by describing various prequels to the u s constitution and explaining how the final document emerged at the constitutional convention the subsequent chapters examine many proposed alternatives and revisions to the constitution from its establishment until the present illuminating perceived strengths and weaknesses of the current document as well as the pros and cons of possible amendments readers ranging from lay citizens who are interested in constitutional issues to historians political scientists law professors and reference librarians will all benefit from this unparalleled examination of proposed constitutional amendment

since eve stupid people have existed and multiplied far too many stumble through life fortunate that breathing is involuntary with ignorance and without common sense it is not surprising then that they bring their brainless way of life to the voting arena the american voter stupid and ignorant takes an anecdotal historical and statistical look at how the voters from eisenhower to obama through the eyes of the professionals and nonprofessionals who have reported on this nonsense have

stumbled into a voting booth with only slightly more cognitive ability than a vegetable god bless america

stephen k medvic's *Campaigns and Elections* addresses two distinct but related aspects of american electoral democracy both the processes that constitute campaigns and elections and the players who are involved in addition to this balanced coverage on process and actors it also gives equal billing to both campaigns and elections and to contests for both legislative and executive positions at the national and state and local level the book starts by providing students with the conceptual distinctions between what happens in an election and the campaigning that proceeds it significant attention is devoted to setting up the context for these campaigns and elections by covering the rules of the game in the american electoral system as well as aspects of election administration and the funding of elections then the book systematically covers the actors at every level candidates and their organizations parties interest groups the media and voters and the macro level aspects of campaigns such as campaign strategy and determinants of election outcomes the book concludes with a big picture assessment of campaign ethics and implications of the permanent campaign

combining primary sources with expert commentary this timely book probes critical moments in u.s. presidential elections in the last 20th and early 21st centuries empowering readers to better understand and analyze the electoral process *Presidential Campaigns Decoded* illuminates both the high stakes of a presidential campaign and the gaffes controversies and excesses that often influence the outcome with a view to enabling readers to develop skills essential to political literacy the book examines crisis points in modern presidential elections from the early 1950s through the late 2000s chronologically organized the study focuses on key events pertinent to each election it provides an original account of the event such as a debate transcript or news report as well as a discussion detailing how the issue emerged and why it was important this unique and engaging approach enables students to experience the actual source material as voters might have at the same time it shows them how an expert views the material facilitating a deeper understanding of the narratives every presidential campaign constructs around its candidates its party and its opponents

voter perceptions of the personal traits of presidential candidates are widely regarded to be important influences on the vote media pundits frequently explain the outcome of presidential elections in terms of the personal appeal of the candidates despite the emphasis on presidential character traits in the media the scholarly investigation in this area is limited in this book david holian and charles prysby set out to examine the effect that trait perceptions have on the vote how these perceptions are shaped by other attitudes and evaluations and what types of voters are most likely to cast a ballot on the basis of the character traits of the

presidential candidates using the american national election studies and surveys the authors find that traits do have a very substantial effect on the vote that different candidates have advantages on different traits and that the opinions expressed by media pundits about how the candidates are viewed by the voters are often simplistic and sometimes quite mistaken character traits are important to voters but we need a better and more complete understanding of how and why these factors influence voters an essential read which provides a clear and original argument to all those interested in furthering their understanding of the importance of candidate character traits for the quality of american elections and democracy

the 2012 election is over but the debate over the fairness and accuracy of our electoral system continues the courts are dealing with the alleged discriminatory impact of voter id requirements on minority voters privacy and vote manipulation are concerns as political campaigns utilize new technology to target voters the news media are contending with harsh public criticism of their elections coverage the campaign finance floodgates were opened with vast resources spent on negative advertising and the electoral college continues to undermine a national democratic electoral system is this any way to run a democratic election this fully updated fifth edition of *Is This Any Way to Run a Democratic Election?* by Stephen J. Wayne answers that important question by looking at both recent events and recent scholarship focused on the democratic electoral process including new data and timely illustrations from the 2012 elections

what is soft power how can a country acquire and enjoy it is it the product of public or private initiatives how significant is soft power in world affairs the concept of soft power the idea that international success depends not just upon weaponry force and military coercion but also on admiration and respect for a country's culture and way of life is winning ever greater global attention as china enjoys ever increasing heft on the global scene many chinese officials seek to emulate the past success of the united states in dominating the world not simply militarily but in terms of influence and prestige most are very conscious that soft power can be extremely valuable in terms of supplementing and boosting their country's military and strategic position but are often uncertain as to how to deploy the instruments of propaganda and cultural diplomacy most effectively the essays in this volume largely written by scholars based in mainland china represent an extended effort to debate and assess the theoretical concept of soft power and just what it means and how it works in practice the authors focus upon the practical impact and implications of soft power in diverse settings and situations in the united states past and present how they ask does soft power relate to issues of religion gender race and social equality at home and abroad what do american elections and political rhetoric do for american soft power will china succeed in rivalling the united states in power whether hard soft or smart and how will soft power feature in us china relations present and future

what can american policymakers learn from the experiences of european democracies while we can look to our own history and to the ideas emanating from our own public sphere by looking abroad we can also learn lessons from european policies from both those that have proven successful and those that have failed the contributors in this volume examine the ways our european allies have dealt with issues such as rising healthcare and pension costs large scale immigration childcare and work life balance and climate change and ask whether such policies might prove effective in the u s context brief and engaging r daniel kelemen s lessons from europe what americans can learn from european public policies is an ideal supplement for comparative public policy courses and would add a provocative comparative component to u s public policy courses

what s going to happen to my job that s what an increasing number of anxious americans are asking themselves the us workforce which has been one of the most productive and wealthiest in the world is undergoing an alarming transformation increasing numbers of workers find themselves on shaky ground turned into freelancers temps and contractors even many full time and professional jobs are experiencing this precarious shift within a decade a near majority of the 145 million employed americans will be impacted add to that the steamroller of automation robots and artificial intelligence already replacing millions of workers and projected to obsolesce millions more and the jobs picture starts looking grim now a weird yet historic mash up of silicon valley technology and wall street greed is thrusting upon us the latest economic fraud the so called sharing economy with companies like uber airbnb and taskrabbit allegedly liberating workers to become independent and their own ceos hiring themselves out for ever smaller jobs and wages while the companies profit but this share the crumbs economy is just the tip of a looming iceberg that the middle class is drifting toward raw deal how the uber economy and runaway capitalism are screwing american workers by veteran journalist steven hill is an exposé that challenges conventional thinking and the hype celebrating this new economy by showing why the vision of the techno sapien leaders and their ayn rand libertarianism is a dead end in raw deal steven hill proposes pragmatic policy solutions to transform the us economy and its safety net and social contract launching a new kind of deal to restore power back into the hands of american workers

the new edition of a popular guide to the key issues in tax reform presented in a clear nontechnical and unbiased way to follow the debate over tax reform the interested citizen is often forced to choose between misleading sound bites and academic treatises taxing ourselves bridges the gap between the oversimplified and the arcane presenting the key issues clearly and without a political agenda tax policy experts joel slemrod and jon bakija lay out in accessible language what is known and not known about how taxes affect the economy and offer guidelines for evaluating tax systems both the current tax system and proposals to reform it this

fifth edition has been extensively revised to incorporate the latest data empirical evidence and tax law it offers new material on recent tax reform proposals expanded coverage of international tax issues and the latest enforcement initiatives offering historical perspectives outlining the basic criteria by which tax policy should be judged fairness economic impact enforceability examining proposals for both radical change replacement of the income tax with a flat tax or consumption tax and incremental changes to the current system and concluding with a voter s guide the book provides readers with enough background to make informed judgments about how we should tax ourselves praise for earlier editions an excellent book jeff medrick new york times a fair minded exposition of a politically loaded subject kirkus reviews

based on data from the most recent elections this book examines state house races in four key states california texas michigan and virginia and creates simulations of campaign planning strategizing budgeting fundraising and winning in a variety of political contexts the authors have not only researched and taught about these issues they have conducted campaigns run for office and served in government at every level from the local to the national they have experience confronting questions of campaign ethics and crisis management and they actively embrace social media in their work internet fundraising as well as campaign websites are among the many media subjects included this is a book not just for candidates campaign professionals and students but for all concerned citizens who want to understand the pathways of politics better

money and politics in an election that broke the mold beginning with the 1960 election readers could turn to one book for an authoritative and comprehensive examination of campaign finance at the federal level now the latest in this respected series financing the 2016 election explores the role of money in one of the most unconventional elections in modern american history a team of leading scholars has dug into the roles played by political parties and special interest groups including their super pacs in the presidential and congressional elections of 2016 david magleby and his team of experts examined federal elections commission reports and interviewed dozens of key participants including representatives of virtually all the major interest groups active in the 2016 election cycle they place that election in the context of how u s elections have been financed during recent decades a context that illustrates how dramatically different campaign finance is today from the past among the most important changes has been the growth of so called super pacs which have become increasingly important both in the financing they provide candidates and in their ability to act independently both for and against candidates overall super pacs doubled their spending in 2016 from four years earlier taking a comprehensive approach this book helps readers understand how the financing of elections including the increasing reliance by candidates on outside

special interest groups ultimately affects politics and public policy

by its very nature the united states constitution is a broadly supported nonpartisan document elected officials all must swear to support it to amend it two thirds of the members of both the house and the senate must vote in favor of a proposed amendment which must then be ratified by three fourths of the fifty states at the present time the legislatures of 38 states must vote to ratify a proposed amendment in order to add it to the u s constitution a constitutional amendment must have the broad support of the vast majority of the american people all of these proposals were meant to favor all of us and are proposed with the purpose of reforming and modernizing our wonderful united states constitution lets amend the united states constitution to accomplish these ten major objectives make social security and medicare permanent balance the federal budget stop deficit spending now restore our constitutional rights modernize the federal court system abolish sovereign immunity eliminate the obamacare mandates enact term limits for congress choose your own presidential electors no default on government bonds

minority women in the united states draw from their unique personal experiences born of their identities to impact american politics whether as political elites or as average citizens minority women demonstrate that they have a unique voice that more often than not centers on their visions of justice equality and fairness in this volume dr nadia e brown and sarah allen gershon seek to present studies of minority women that highlight how they are similar and dissimilar to other groups of women or minorities as well as variations within groups of minority women current demographic and political trends suggest that minority populations specifically minority women will be at the forefront of shaping u s politics yet scholars still have very little understanding of how these populations will behave politically this book provides a detailed view of how minority women will utilize their sheer numbers collective voting behavior policy preferences and roles as elected officials to impact american politics the scholarship on intersectionality in this volume seeks to push beyond disciplinary constraints to think more holistically about the politics of identity

polsby and wildavsky s classic text now updated by stephen schier and david hopkins argues that the institutional rules of the presidential nomination and election processes in combination with the behavior of the mass electorate structure the strategic choices faced by politicians in powerful and foreseeable ways we can make sense of the decisions made by different political actors incumbents challengers democrats republicans consultants party officials activists delegates journalists and voters by understanding the ways in which their world is organized by incentives regulations events resources customs and opportunities thoroughly revised and updated this sixteenth edition provides everything students need to know about presidential elections going into the 2024 cycle

paid earned and social media are all crucial elements of modern electioneering yet there is a scarcity of supplementary texts for campaigns and election courses that cover all types of media equally media and politics courses cover election related topics yet there are few books that cover these subjects comprehensively this brief and accessible book bridges the gap by discussing media in the context of u s elections david a jones divides the book into two parts with the first analyzing the wide array of media outlets citizens use to inform themselves during elections jones covers traditional mainstream news media and opinion entertainment based media as well as new media outlets such as talk shows blogs and late night comedy programs the second half of the book assesses how campaigns and candidates have adapted to the changing media environment these chapters focus on earned media strategies paid media strategies and social media strategies written in a concise and accessible style while including recent scholarly research the book will appeal to students with its combination of academic rigor and readability u s media and elections in flux will be a useful supplementary textbook for courses on campaigns and elections media and politics and american introductory politics

the cq press guide to u s elections is a comprehensive two volume reference providing information on the u s electoral process in depth analysis on specific political eras and issues and everything in between thoroughly revised and infused with new data analysis and discussion of issues relating to elections through 2014 the guide will include chapters on analysis of the campaigns for presidency from the primaries through the general election data on the candidates winners losers and election returns details on congressional and gubernatorial contests supplemented with vast historical data key features include tables boxes and figures interspersed throughout each chapter data on campaigns election methods and results complete lists of house and senate leaders links to election related websites a guide to party abbreviations

this handbook analyzes elections in the middle east and north africa and seeks to overcome normative assumptions about the linkage between democracy and elections structured around five main themes contributors provide chapters detailing how their case studies illustrate specific themes within individual country settings authors disentangle the various aspects informing elections as a process in the middle east by taking into account the different contexts where the electoral contest occurs and placing these into a broader comparative context the findings from this handbook connect with global electoral developments empirically demonstrating that there is very little that is exceptional about the middle east and north africa when it comes to electoral contests routledge handbook on elections in the middle east and north africa is the first book to examine all aspects related to elections in the middle east and north africa through such comprehensive coverage and systematic analysis it will be a key resource for students and scholars interested in politics elections and democracy in the middle east and north

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