



## American Democracy Now, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition

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### Detailed List of Changes

*American Democracy Now* **engages** students in American politics through **relevant** content and supportive digital tools that **enrich and reinforce learning**. **Accessible** to students at all levels, the narrative is brought to life through **compelling features**, such as **rich visuals and graphics** and the **Then, Now, Next** framework, helping students gain a **comprehensive** understanding of American government yesterday, today, and through development of **critical thinking skills**, tomorrow.

### Chapter Changes

This edition reflects the November 2018 election results. Also, as mentioned, the authors revised in response to student heat map data that pinpointed the topics and concepts with which students struggled the most. This heat-map-directed revision is reflected primarily in chapters 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, and 18. Other content changes include the following:

#### Chapter 1

- Added new discussion on the importance of tolerant, civic discourse in our nation.

- Updated discussion of the current political context, including Russian intervention in the 2016 election and U.S. engagement with North Korea.
- Updated voter turnout data.
- Added new discussion of the politics of Generation Z.
- Added new Analyzing the Sources that frames the issues of increased ideological polarization in the United States by generation.
- Updated data about the U.S. population.

## **Chapter 2: The Constitution**

- Revised section “British Policies Incite Revolution in Colonies.”
- Revised Then, Now, Next feature.
- Added new Thinking Critical feature on Census 2020.
- Revised Analyzing the Sources feature on Convening a Constitutional Convention.
- Revised the section on “The Constitution as a Living, Evolving Document.”
- Updated inquiry questions in the Annotated Constitution.

## **Chapter 3: Federalism**

- Reorganized chapter sections to foster understanding of foundational structures and concepts of our federal system.
- Added new section on “Partisan Federalism.”
- Revised Thinking Critically feature “Can State Governments Nullify National Marijuana Law?”
- Revised section on “Tools of Intergovernmental Relations,” including a new section on “Nullification” and “Intergovernmental Tensions.”
- Revised Then, Now, Next feature on “Americans’ Trust in their Governments.”
- Updated Recommended Readings.

## **Chapter 4**

- Updated statistics, data, and Supreme Court rulings from the previous edition.
- Provided a greater emphasis on selective incorporation and its significance.
- Introduced decisions and policies of the Trump administration, as opposed to prior focus on the Obama administration.
- Updated campus policies on concealed weapons.
- Moved focus from millennials to “Generation Z.”
- Introduced a new section on Free Speech on campus.

## **Chapter 5**

- Updated statistics, data, and Supreme Court rulings from the previous edition.
- Included coverage of current issues, such as the #MeToo movement and diversity within the Asian American community.
- Added new Thinking Critically on the impact of illegal immigration.
- Updated all references and citations.

## **Chapter 6**

- Added new Thinking Critically feature that asks Should the United States Have Stricter Gun Safety Laws?
- Explored new data concerning the gender gap in political party identification between men and women.

- Evaluated new data about the policy priorities of men and women in the 2016 presidential election.
- Evaluated the gender gap in presidential vote choice in 2016.
- Updated information about the opinions of Millennials.
- Added new information on the politics of Generation Z.
- Included new discussion of the new “most important problem.”
- Included new data concerning trust in government.

## Chapter 7

- Included a new discussion of the Women’s March protests.
- Included additional explanation of the role of group competition in determining interest group success.
- Included a discussion of the effect of *Janus V. United States* on interest groups.
- Updates information on the top lobbying interests in the United States.
- Included more detailed discussion of *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*.
- Added a new Analyzing the Sources featured demonstrating the importance of considering interest groups’ perspective when evaluating interest group ratings.

## Chapter 8

- Included a new discussion titled “A Democratic Party Struggling to Define Itself”
- Included a new discussion titled “The Republican Party in the Era of President Trump”
- Updated data concerning Americans’ opinions of the two political parties.
- Added new information about the role of the parties in the 2018 mid-term congressional elections.
- Updated the discussion of the responsible party model.
- Provided new data concerning post-2018 election party control of state legislatures.
- Added a new Analyzing the Sources feature that asks students to evaluate the characteristics of voters who have switched political party preference since 2011.
- Updated data on Americans’ support for a third party.

## Chapter 9

- Explained the U.S. Intelligence Community’s conclusions about Russian interference in the 2016 election.
- Enhanced the discussion of the importance of fair, independent elections.
- Explained why election meddling matters.
- Highlighted the idea of political participation as an expression of the will of the people.
- Discussed 2018 ballot initiatives in the states.
- Explained campaign finance regulations for the 2018 elections.
- Updated data concerning age and presidential election turnout.
- Revised an Analyzing the Sources feature examining race and presidential elections.
- Included new research concerning reasons for low voter turnout.

## Chapter 10

- Contextualized the current debate about media accuracy.

- Revised an Analyzing the Sources feature examining new data on confidence in the media.
- Added new data on the increasing diversity in newsrooms.
- Included new research on the demographics of increasing online news consumption.
- Re-examined the question of media bias.

## **Chapter 11**

- Discussed social media hacking and data breaches.
- Updated data on Internet usage.
- Updated research on the use of technology in the 2018 elections.
- Added information on the use of social media as a tool of macro-protests, including facilitating the #MeToo movement.
- Added a new Analyzing the Sources feature that asks students to evaluate whether Facebooks ads generated by Russian operatives were effective.
- Added new information and research on election infiltration.
- Described the effects of FCC Chairman Ajit Pai’s rollback of the net neutrality order.

## **Chapter 12**

- Added a new Thinking Critically feature that asks whether congressional elections are ‘rigged’ through gerrymandering.
- Described new trends regarding the use of congressional earmarks.
- Added a new discussion of the filibuster.
- Updated the congressional leadership section.
- Discussed the role of Congress in supporting special counsel Robert Mueller.
- Added updates on the 2018 election and the party composition of Congress.
- Described congressional action on President Trump’s policy agenda, including the overhaul of the federal tax plan.
- Included new discussion on the diversity in Congress after the 2018 elections.

## **Chapter 13**

- Examined the revolutionizing effect on the presidency of President Trump’s use of social media.
- Added new discussion of the Electoral College.
- Examined President Trump’s role in managing the economy, looking at the issue of tariffs and the overhaul of the federal tax structure.
- Updated information on Trump administration officials, including the cabinet.
- Included new comparative data on women and minorities appointed to presidential cabinets.
- Updated discussion of the use of executive privilege.
- Included new comparative data on presidential public approval.
- Examined the geographical variation of President Trump’s popularity.
- Added information on First Lady Melania Trump’s priorities for her role.

## **Chapter 14: The Bureaucracy**

- Added new Then, Now, Next feature on “Federal Civil Service Hiring Process.”

- Added new discussion of President Trump’s budget proposals and their potential impact on federal civil service hiring.
- Updated data on pay scale for white-collar (GS) federal civil servants.
- Revised section on “State, Local and Shadow Bureaucrats.”
- Revised (to make more clear and concise) sections on bureaucratic accountability.
- Updated data and analysis in section “Can Bureaucratic Performance be Improved?”
- Added new Analyzing the Sources feature “Is it government performance or partisanship?”
- Updated discussion and analysis in section “Can contracting out improve performance?”
- Updated Recommended Readings.

### **Chapter 15: The Judiciary**

- Reorganized sections to foster understanding of foundational structures and concepts of the federal judiciary.
- Added new Analyzing the Sources features on judicial independence.
- Revised Then, Now, Next feature “Supreme Court Diversity.”
- Updated data on demographics of federal judges to include those confirmed during first year of the Trump administration.
- Revised discussion on judicial policy making including comparisons of judicial activism, judicial restraint, and originalism and the Constitution as a living document.
- Added discussion of Supreme Court activity and decisions since the death of Associate Justice Scalia.

### **Chapter 16: Economic Policy**

- Integrated discussion of the Trump administration’s economic policy initiatives supporting supply-side economics, including the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act (2017) and deregulation.
- Updated survey data on Americans’ views about the American dream.
- Reorganized sections to foster understanding of foundational concepts and theories.
- Added new Then, Now, Next feature on tax law.
- Updated data on the health of the U.S. economy.
- Updated federal budget data.
- Reviewed the use of continuing resolutions in the FY 2018 budget process.
- Revised (and streamlined) discussion of trade policy.
- Revised section on “The American Dream in Today’s Economy,” which integrates Trump administration policies and Americans’ policy preferences.

### **Chapter 17: Domestic Policy**

- Added new Analyzing the Sources feature “Partisan Differences on Top Priorities for President Trump and Congress.”
- Added new Critical Thinking feature “Should the National Government Mandate Flood Insurance?”
- Added new Then, Now, Next feature “Federal Websites and Climate Change.”
- Integrated the Trump administration’s environmental, energy, health care, and immigration policy initiatives.
- Updated data on safety net programs (income security, housing security, health insurance programs).
- Updated data on immigrants.

- Eliminated section on Homeland Security policy.

## Chapter 18

- Described the context for current foreign policy.
- Updated the “The Military Option” section to include U.S. air strikes in Syria.
- Updated coverage of the use of new technologies in foreign policy.
- Added new Analyzing the Sources feature that asks students to evaluate recent U.S. troop deployment.
- Examined President Trump’s America First foreign policy in the context of Huntington’s Clash of Civilizations thesis.
- Described future challenges in foreign policy, including trade policy, the renewed threat of terrorism, and Russian expansion and efforts to increase influence.

## Chapter 19: State and Local Governments

- Added new Thinking Critically feature “Is direct democracy the fix for misrepresentation in a representative democracy?”
- Relocated the direct democracy section to earlier in chapter.
- Added new section on “Intergovernmental Relations.”
- Added new data on citizens’ trust in state and local governments.
- Updated data on state and local government revenues and expenditures.
- Revised Analyzing the Sources feature comparing state voting laws.
- Updated data on diversity in state governments.

## Digital

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