



We The People, 13th edition

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Detailed List of Changes

Tom Patterson's *We the People* is a **concise** approach to American Government emphasizing **critical thinking** through **relevant** examples that appeal to today's students. This extremely **readable** program provides opportunities to **engage** with the political process through tools that help students **learn how to think about politics**, utilizing digital resources that connect students with the material in a highly **personalized** way.

Chapter Changes

In addition to thorough updates of the data and figures throughout the text, fresh new photographs and other images in every chapter, and a new "Fake or Fact?" boxed feature (individual boxes listed below) to help students negotiate misinformation in today's social media-driven and increasingly partisan media, Chapters 6, 10, and 13 were guided by the student heat map data mentioned earlier.

Finally, *We the People*, 13th edition, includes the following specific chapter-by-chapter changes:

Chapter 1, Political Thinking and Political Culture: Becoming a Responsible Citizen

- New introduction focused on the impact of the current wave of misinformation on American culture (using the 2017 Edgar Madison Welch "pizzagate" shooting and other examples) as an introduction to the book's strong emphasis on critical thinking
- Thoroughly revised "Learning to Think Critically" section (previously "Learning to Think Politically") emphasizing how the skill of critical thinking—and the avoidance of confirmation bias—is more important than ever in light of our current culture of misinformation
- New "Fake or Fact?" box ("Do Immigrants Commit More Crimes?") in the "Political Culture" section.

Chapter 2, Constitutional Democracy: Promoting Liberty and Self-Government

- New introduction focused on John McCain's acceptance speech upon receiving the National Constitution Center's Liberty Medal as a segue into the chapter's focus on the idealism that shaped America from the beginning
- New "Fake or Fact?" box ("Were Millions of Illegal Votes Cast in Favor of Hillary Clinton in the 2016 Election?") in the "Providing for Representative Government" section

Chapter 3, Federalism: Forging a Nation

- New introduction focused on Donald Trump's immigrant deportation policy and many state's resultant establishment of "sanctuary cities" as a segue into the chapter's focus on state vs. national power
- New Case Study box ("The Power of Government") in the "Federalism: National and State Sovereignty" section
- New "Fake or Fact?" box ("Do States Have Final Authority over Marijuana Laws?") in the "Federalism: National and State Sovereignty" section

Chapter 4, Civil Liberties: Protecting Individual Rights

- New "Fake or Fact?" box ("Do You Have a Right to Speak Freely on Campus?") in the "Freedom of Expression" section
- New discussion of the Supreme Court ruling in the 2018 *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Division* case in the "Freedom of Expression" section
- New discussion of the Supreme Court ruling in the 2018 *Carpenter v. United States* case in the "Rights of Persons Accused of Crimes" section

Chapter 5, Equal Rights: Struggling toward Fairness

- Reorganized and streamlined discussions of equal rights throughout the chapter
- New "Fake or Fact?" box ("Is Justice Color Blind?") in the "Equality through Law" section
- New "How the U.S. Differs" box ("Women's Representation in National Legislatures") in "The Struggle for Equality" section

Chapter 6, Public Opinion and Political Socialization: Shaping the People's Voice

- New chapter introduction focused on public opinion and the gun control debate in the wake of the Parkland school shooting
- Fully updated discussions of opinion dimensions (with marijuana legalization and Trump approval rating examples) and problems with polls in "The Measurement of Public Opinion" section
- New "Fake or Fact?" box ("Can the Polls Be Trusted?") in "The Measurement of Public Opinion" section

- New introduction to the "Political Socialization: The Origins of Americans' Opinions" section, focused on opinion regarding free trade, as well as updated discussion of national pride (including a fully revised "How the U.S. Differs" box)
- Updated discussions of religion and economic class group orientations in the "Frames of Reference: How Americans Think Politically" section
- Updated discussion of partisanship with new examples in "The Influence of Public Opinion of Policy" section

Chapter 7, Political Participation: Activating the Popular Will

- Updated discussion of midterm participation, voter ID laws, European voter participation, and the Hispanic vote, and in the "Voter Participation" section
- New "Fake or Fact?" box ("Are Our Attention Spans Shrinking?") in the "Voter Participation" section
- Thoroughly updated discussions of the Black Lives Matter, #MeToo, and anti-gun violence movements (as well as factors in the success of various political movements) in the "Unconventional Activism: Political Movements and Protest" section

Chapter 8, Political Parties, Candidates, and Campaigns: Defining the Voter's Choice

- New chapter introduction focused on the results of the 2018 midterm elections
- Expanded discussion of the history of party partisanship from the 1960s to today in the "Party Competition and Majority Rule" section
- New "Fake or Fact?" box ("Are Strong Partisans the Most Informed Citizens?") in the "Party Competition and Majority Rule" section
- Updated coverage of third parties, as well as fully revised discussion of the decline of moderate voters and the characteristics of Republican and Democratic voters in the "Electoral and Party Systems" section
- Fully revised and restructured section on "Parties and Candidates in the Campaign" (formerly "Party Organizations"), with expanded discussion of local, state, and national party organizations
- Expanded discussion of voter accountability in the "Parties, Candidates, and the Public's Influence" section

Chapter 9, Interest Groups: Organizing for Influence

- New introduction discussing the unprecedented number of corporate lobbyists who sought to influence a steep cut in the corporate tax rate in 2017 Tax Cut and Jobs Act
- New discussion of the power of the National Rifle Association as an example of outside lobbying in the "Outside Lobbying: Seeking Influence through Public Pressure" section
- New "Fake or Fact?" box ("Do 'The People' Decide?") in "The Group System: Indispensable but Biased in Favor of Economic Groups" section

Chapter 10, The News Media and the Internet: Communicating Politics

- New chapter title (formerly "The News Media: Communicating Political Images") reflecting the ever-increasing importance of the Internet as a source of political communication
- New chapter introduction focused on the extremely disparate messages coming from American news sources
- Fully revised (and newly-titled) section on "Media Change: From the Nation's Founding to Today," with a new introduction, new organization, an expanded discussion of objective

journalism, an expanded section on the rise of cable TC and partisan talk shows, and a new section on the rise of the Internet

- Fully revised (and newly titled) section on "The Media: Content and Functions," with a new introduction, new organization, a thoroughly revised section on information-centered communication, new discussion of Trump and Tweeting, a new "How the U.S. Differs" box ("Russian Interference in Western Elections"), and a new section on partisan-centered communication
- New "Fake or Fact?" box ("Are the Traditional News Media Politically Biased?") in "The Media: Content and Functions" section
- Fully-revised (and newly titled) section on "Media Audiences and Effects," with a new introduction, new organization, a new section on the traditional audience, and thoroughly revised sections on partisan and inattentive audiences

Chapter 11, Congress: Balancing National Goals and Local Interests

- New chapter introduction focused on bipartisan support of the 2018 budget bill
- Revised "Congress as a Career: Election to Congress" section, with updated and expanded discussions of gerrymandering, personal misconduct, and challenges to incumbents, and a new Case Study box ("The Wisconsin Gerrymandering Case")
- Revised "Parties and Party Leadership" section, with expanded discussion of partisanship, new discussion of the Hastert Rule and closed rule, and a new section on party leaders and their members
- New discussion of the effects of polarization in the "Committees and Committee Leadership" section
- Revised "Congress's Policymaking Role" section, with new discussions of partisanship in relation to immigration reform, policy deadlock, and the House Intelligence Committee's investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 Presidential election
- New "Fake or Fact?" box ("Are Policy Problems Simple and Easy to Fix?") in the "Congress: An Institution Divided" section

Chapter 12, The Presidency: Leading the Nation

- New introduction on the unprecedented nature of the first year of Trump's presidency
- Revised "Choosing the President" section, with new discussion of Democrats expected to run in the 2020 presidential election, the effects of Gary Johnson and Jill Stein on the 2016 presidential elections, and the total price tag for the 2016 presidential elections
- New discussion of the firing of Rex Tillerson in the "Staffing the Presidency" section
- Revised "Factors in Presidential Leadership" section, with new discussion of Trump's relationship with Congress during his first two years, Americans' approval of Trump's order of missile strike on a Syrian government airfield, and Trump's unprecedented media coverage
- New "Fake or Fact?" box ("Do Trump's Supporters Believe His Claims?") in the "Factors in Presidential Leadership" section

Chapter 13, The Federal Bureaucracy: Administering the Government

- New examples within the discussions of regulatory agencies and presidential commissions, as well as new discussion of the Department of Homeland Security in the "Origin and Structure of the Federal Bureaucracy" section
- New examples throughout "The Budgetary Process" section
- Updated discussion of clientele groups in the "Policy and Power in the Bureaucracy" section
- New "Fake or Fact?" box ("Is there a 'Deep State'?") in the "Policy and Power in the Bureaucracy" section

- Fully revised Party Polarization box (“The Politicization of the Bureaucracy”) and updated discussions of the EPA and SES in the "Democracy and Bureaucratic Accountability" section

Chapter 14, The Federal Judicial System: Applying the Law

- Updated coverage of filibustering of Supreme Court nominees, the Neil Gorsuch Supreme Court confirmation, and women and minority appointees to the Federal court in the "Federal Court Appointees" section
- New “Fake or Fact?” box ("Would Democracy Do Better If Presidents Could Ignore the Courts?") in "The Nature of Judicial Decision Making" section

Chapter 15, Economic and Environmental Policy: Contributing to Prosperity

- Updated discussion of partisan views on regulation in the "Government as Regulator of the Economy" section, focusing on the Democrat-supported 2010 Dodd-Frank Act and the Republican-supported 2018 Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act
- New discussion of Trump's withdrawal from the Paris accord in the "Government as Protector of the Environment" section
- New discussion of the 2018 Supreme Court decision on mandatory union dues in the "Government as Promoter of Economic Interests" section
- New coverage of the 2017 Tax Cut and Jobs Act in the "Fiscal Policy as an Economic Tool" section.
- New “Fake or Fact?” box ("Would Eliminating Foreign Aid Balance the Budget?") in the “Fiscal Policy as an Economic Tool” section

Chapter 16, Income, Welfare, and Education Policy: Providing for Personal Security

- New introduction focused on the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act
- New discussion of Trump's withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership and corporate lobbying for the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in the "Income Politics and Policies" section
- Updated coverage of entitlement programs in the "Welfare Politics and Policies" section
- New “Fake or Fact?” box ("Do Citizen Who Claim to Know the Most about Policy Issues Actually Know the Most?") in the "Education Politics and Policies" section

Chapter 17, Foreign Policy: Protecting the American Way

- New introduction focused on Trump's withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership
- Fully revised (and newly titled) "The Pattern of U.S. Foreign and Defense Policy" section, with reorganized and updated discussions of the Islamic State, Russia, and China
- New “Fake or Fact?” box ("Did Russia Try to Influence the 2016 Election?") in “The Pattern of U.S. Foreign and Defense Policy” section
- Updated "How the U.S. Differs" box and updated military spending data in "The Military Dimension of National Security Policy" section
- New discussion of Donald Trump's “America First” policy, a new Case Study box ("Trade with China"), and updated coverage of American foreign aid in "The Economic Dimension of National Security Policy" section

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