



# **We The People**

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***We The People*** captures our vivid world and changing nature of American politics.

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- **Online Learning Course Modules**—Taking an online course can be quite hard for students, which is why the authors created assignable learning modules on how to succeed in an online course—28 concepts featured in topic areas of: preparing for an online course, communicating electronically, taking online tests, and how to use effective online and learning resources.
- **Writing Assignments**—Deliver a learning experience that improves students' written communication skills and conceptual understanding with every assignment. Designed to help you develop and assess concept mastery and critical thinking skills, Writing Assignments offers a single place to assign, monitor, and provide feedback, so you can provide feedback more efficiently.  
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- **Working with Political Documents**—Instructors have access to a database of 24 searchable primary source documents for assignment and student analysis and interpretation. Sources are topically arranged and include Supreme Court decisions, presidential speeches, legislation, Federalist Papers, and other political documents.

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**HAPPENING**—*We The People* inherits no outdated or irrelevant examples or coverage

- **This edition reflects November 2020 election results**
- **Data-Driven & Targeted Product Revision**—Our revision for the fourteenth edition focused on continued optimization of the text. Our author used data from thousands of student responses to probes in SmartBook, the adaptive learning system that assesses student knowledge of course content. With the data, such as average time spent answering each question and the percentage of students who correctly answered the question on the first attempt, our author was able to hone our text content when needed and, for particularly challenging concepts, point students to the learning resources which can elucidate and reinforce those concepts. You'll see these marginal features throughout the text. Students should log into Connect and view the resources through SmartBook 2.0.
- **Integrated Critical Thinking Exercises**—Improving critical thinking skills is THE authors primary goal, which is why every chapter features five integrated critical thinking exercises. These five activities are based on the idea that critical thinking is a skill that can be nurtured and, once acquired, can make you a more responsible citizen, whether in casting a vote, forming an opinion about a public policy, or contributing to a political cause. The five exercises:
  - “*How the U.S. Differs*” and “*How the 50 States Differ*,” asks students to think critically about differences in governing systems
  - “*Party Polarization*,” asks students to critically analyze differences in the Republican and Democratic Parties
  - “*Case Study*,” discusses political events and asks students to analyze the outcome
  - “*Fake or Fact?*” asks students to critically assess a factual claim
- **Building Critical Thinking Skills**—The entirety of the text emphasizes the importance of critical thinking skills as a crucial element in the study of American Politics. At the end of every chapter, “Critical Thinking Zone” asks students to make use of the chapter’s information through the application of three skills—conceptualizing, synthesizing, and analyzing—the foundation of critical thinking.
- **Service-Learning Focus**—The well-being of a democracy rests on its citizens. Aside from voting, we seldom ask what citizenship requires of us. To complement classroom instruction and promote civic engagement, each chapter highlights activities students can effect positive change in their community and strengthen their country.
- **Citizen Action!**—Students think of themselves as active participants in the American political process. The three types of Citizen Action! sidebars encourage students to (1) improve their understanding of how our government works through reading, reflecting, and research (“Getting Ready”); (2) participate in the public arena by contacting representatives, making contributions, doing service, volunteering, or interning (“Getting Involved”); and (3) reflect on their duty as informed and active citizens (“Taking Responsibility”).
- **Comprehension Questions**—Featured throughout and in line with the text readings, these questions stop students at important points to assess what they’ve learned before they continue reading and help them prep for quizzes and exams.
- **Coverage of Current Political Topics**—This edition includes the impact of the pandemic and the renewed Black Lives Matter movement; the relationship of the Trump presidency with the media; the ideological debates on such topics as the Green New Deal and health insurance; and the concerns over Russian interference in U.S. elections, trade policy with China, ongoing threats of terrorism, voter suppression, wage disparities.

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- **Thoroughly Updated Data & Research**—Customers of *We The People* have always appreciated the currency of the material and using several diverse sources for an inclusive study of American Politics. For example:
  - Updated all references and citations (ALL Chapters)
  - Updated information about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) (Chapter 5)
  - Updated discussion how loopholes allow lobbying expenditures go unchecked (Chapter 9)
  - Expanded discussion of how Congress members' preoccupation with reelection (Chapter 11)
  - Expanded discussion of the roles of congressional party leaders (Chapter 11)
  - Expanded discussion of congressional grants-in-aid to states in wake of COVID-19 (Chapter 11)
  - Expanded discussion of the various roles of the president (Chapter 12)
  - Updated coverage of Supreme Court decisions & Federal Court appointees (Chapter 14)
- **Comprehensive Coverage of Landmark Supreme Court Decisions**—*We The People*, features eight 2020 Key Supreme Court Rulings within chapters: 2, 4, 5, and 14.
- **Updated & NEW Discussions & Themes**—All chapters contain updated content and coverage with examples to infuse the narrative such as:
  - New discussion focused on how misinformation impacts public opinion (Chapter 1)
  - New coverage of disparity by race of death rates from the COVID-19 coronavirus (Chapter 5)
  - New discussion of voter turnout and participation (Chapter 7)
  - New analysis of the impact of young adult voters in the “Electoral and Party Systems (Chapter 8)
  - New coverage of Trump-Biden 2020 presidential election debates (Chapter 8)
  - New discussion of 2017 Tax Cut and Jobs Act & Democratic control of Congress (Chapter 9)
  - New assessment of the media’s response to the COVID-19 outbreak (Chapter 10)
  - New chapter coverage reflecting results of the 2020 presidential election (Chapter 12)
- **Drive Participation with Poll Everywhere**—McGraw Hill’s partnership with Poll Everywhere transforms your classroom environment allowing students to experience the democratic process of voting. Students become responsible and engaged participants in real time and transform one-sided presentations into two-way conversations with students. This web-based audience response system lets you embed interactive activities directly into your presentation. Students can respond on the via App or text.  
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## INTEGRATED RESOURCES & SUPPORT

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- **Support At Every Step**—Our digital faculty consultants and subject matter experts have created a collection of tools and resources designed to make your life a whole lot easier. From instructional design and course consultations to discover helpful tips to keep students engaged; whether it’s before, during, or every step beyond the first day of class—we’ve got you covered.  
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- **Student Success for American Government**—Students receive on-demand study tips & tricks from other students through, while learn hacks to develop essential skills for college success like time management, study and financial skills and how to get the most out of college; College Smarter Not Harder features resources that surface at moment of need to complement on their academic journey.  
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- **Updated Instructor’s Manual, Test Bank & PowerPoint Presentations**—The authors have carefully reviewed all resources provided in the instructor’s manual to ensure cohesion. It includes everything an instructor needs to prepare a lecture, including lecture outlines, discussion questions, and teaching notes. PowerPoint slides offer material from the text, as well as expanded coverage to supplement discussion. Slides have been designed to be accessible to all, and in addition to lecture notes, include image tagging. The Test Bank and Computerized Test Bank offer over 1,000+ multiple-choice, true/false, short answer, essay, and application questions. All questions are tagged to learning objectives, Bloom’s Taxonomy, and accreditation standards supporting your reporting needs.

## ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

- **Enhanced Accessibility for Students with Disabilities**—Our reviewers expressed the need for a learning program inclusive to all students, regardless of learning style or disability, and we listened. The seventh edition meets this need by offering: A brand-new textbook interior design, with deliberate color choices accessible to all; alternate descriptions viewable in screen readers for images used within the eBook; closed-captioned video resources; Connect questions in a keyboard-navigable format; Instructor and student PowerPoints® that contain new colors and fonts accessible to all, plus alternate descriptions viewable in screen readers for all images.

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