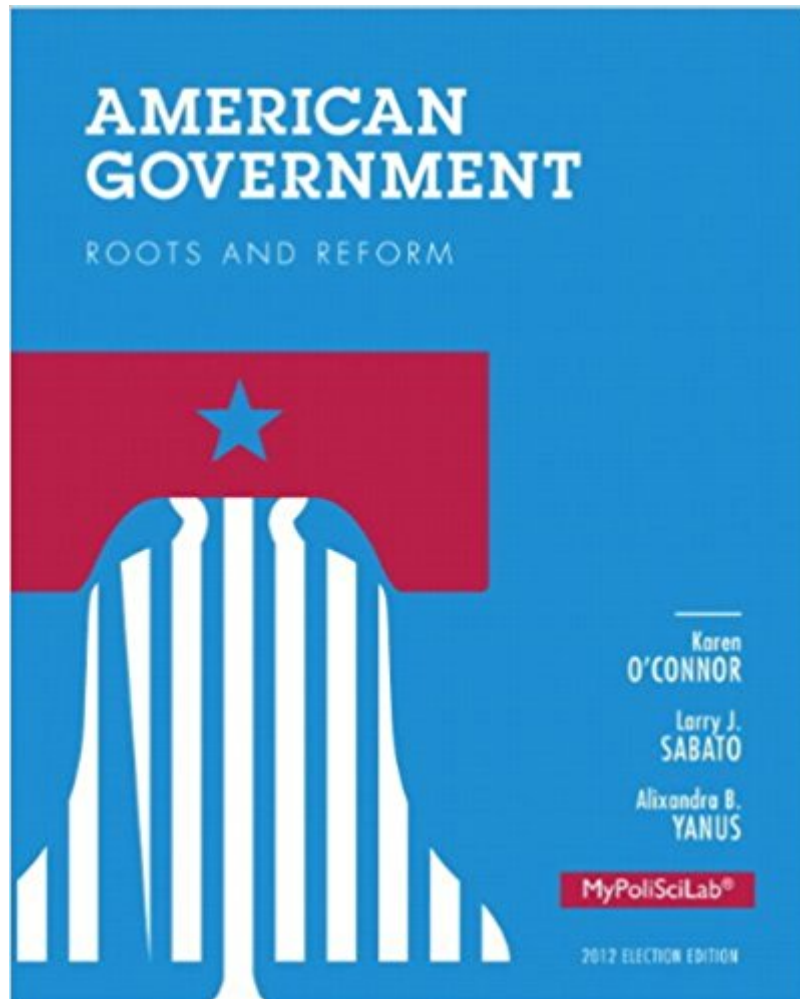


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I have taught AP US Government and Politics for 5 years, and in the course of reviewing most every textbook on the market this one is probably the best overall. The previous reviewer that complains about conservative bias does not know what he or she is talking about. If anything, the 2002 edition tilts left overall, for example, to demonstrate federalism they reprinted a map produced by NARAL that grades states by the liberalism of their abortion laws. Over the course of the school year invariably my decidedly liberal northern California students point out other examples of liberal bias. Some of the poorly written sections are naked attempts to address what the authors assume is a cynical audience, but that isn't a problem throughout -- it is highly concentrated in chapter 1. The overall attitude encourages students to question the system without being unremittingly negative. The historical review that begins most chapters is sound. Many textbooks assume too much about student's prior knowledge. The best part of the book are the data presentations. The map drawn in proportion to each state's weight in the electoral college is one example. Before I switched schools and over to this textbook, I had a bevy of handouts that took bits and pieces from other textbooks and I found that most of that "best of" set had been woven into the O'Connor text already. It isn't a perfect textbook, naturally, but a good course in Government will have supplemental readings from a variety of perspectives to challenge and complement the main text. I found a few mistakes in the 2002 edition (merging *Wesberry v. Sanders* into *Baker v. Carr* for example) but overall it was reliable and far less slanted than John Q.

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