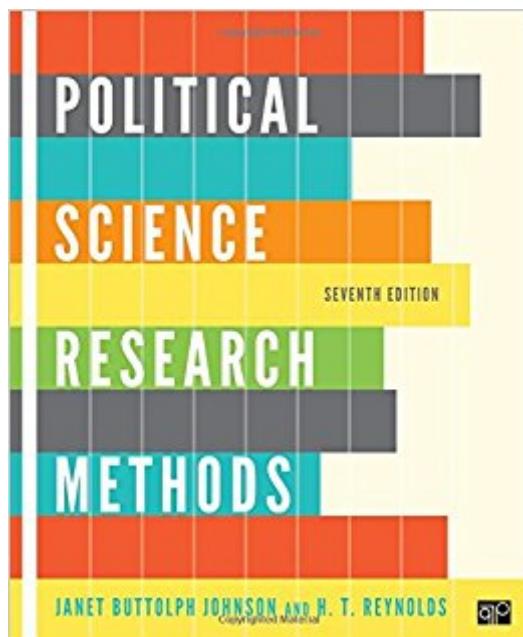


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# Political Science Research Methods



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This book was ordered for a college course my daughter was enrolled in. The book is required for the course and ordering from as opposed to the campus book store saved us a lot of money. My daughter thought the writing was clear and concise and easy to follow. She was pleasantly surprised at how easy it was for her to stay interested in the subject matter and not have her mind wander because she was bored with what she was reading which is often the case with college text books.

Worst book I have ever experienced for use in a college course. AWFUL. The book is very wordy and uses way too many examples. It also introduces an overabundance of formulas to learn in the later chapters. If you have never taken statistics prior to taking this course, you may wish that you had. Especially if your professor tests heavily on the formulas. They are not explained well enough

with explicit examples to follow to facilitate learning.

I wish I had read intro before I bought it. A bit too shallow. Also somewhat narrow and outdated in terms of new types of methods.

One of the best and most valuable texts for the new political scholar, Political Science Research Methods is truly an indispensable resource. Quantitative and qualitative analysis, sampling, survey methodology, regression analysis, and more are explained clearly with many examples. I got the eBook, but I wish I had the print version. Navigation can be kind of cumbersome.

Really like this text for its readability. Will be using it next term.

Enjoyed the book generally but some of the text is seemingly unnecessary. Some of the books emphasis on particular vocabulary is a little silly as these definitions should be known prior to reading this text. Further, some of the definitions and explanations can be overly confusing and in a few instances complex. This is to be expected in any textbook though, and overall I think Johnson & Reynolds have done a nice job.

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