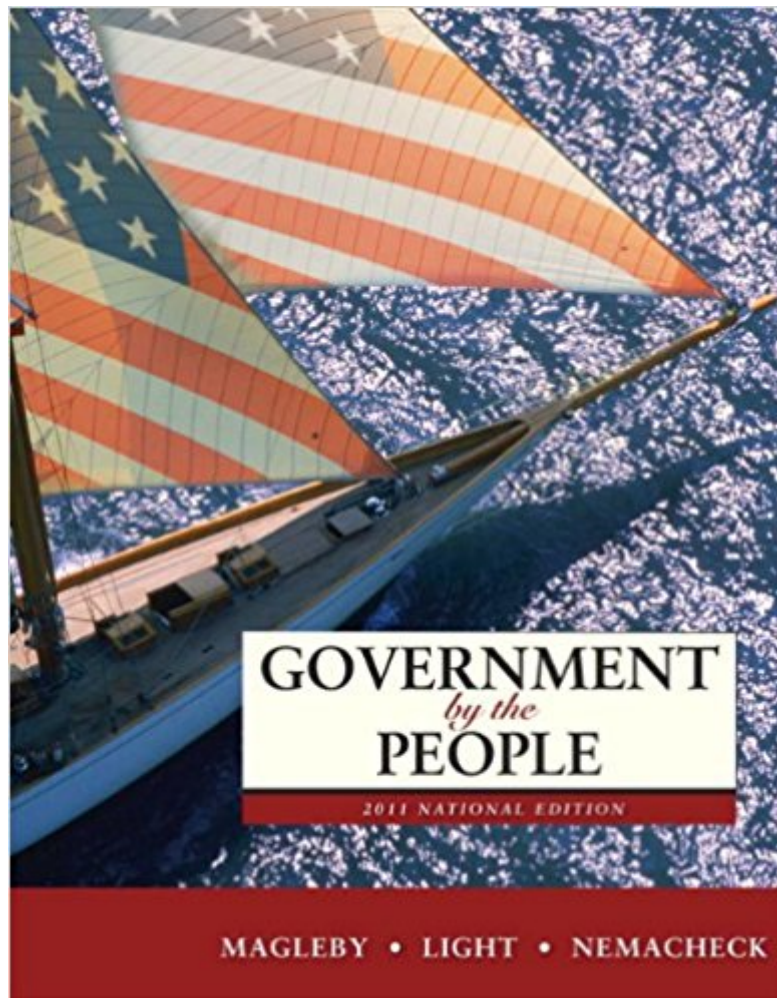




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A true textbook, *Government By the People* is not too "readable," but it's far from terrible. I bought it to study for my American Government CLEP exam, and it served that purpose well, although I would have preferred a Kindle version. Even if it's not the most current edition, the price was truly excellent for a textbook (and how much does American government change, anyway?). While I agree that there are subtle signs of a liberal bias

on the part of the authors, it's really not that terrible and is to be expected, I suppose.

Comprehensive

Good book

I rented this book for class and though it doesn't bother me personally, my copy came a bit more rough looking than anticipated. Torn pages, high-lighting, and bent/damaged cover but nothing that hinders me from using the book. I just hope they don't try to charge me for the damage. I took pics the day I got it and submitted them but never heard back so hopefully it was seen.

Required by HS teacher/class, hard to understand, user is an honor student, so, I'd say it is therefore, poorly written, and/or boring.....she really tries hard, and is very VERY intelligent, a junior at a college prep HS.

This is an excellent book that makes understanding the seemingly endless paths of our government simple. It starts with the era prior to the constitution, cover critical points of each branch of government and is updated to today. It makes understanding the current flaps in Washington understandable from a Constitutional perspective An excellent book..

Excellent intro to politics text. I highly recommend it for a classroom or for anyone really who wants to sit down with a plain-spoken piece to get you to understand our government. Whether it is for someone with little knowledge as to who this vast bureaucracy works, or for someone with a fairly good knowledge of it all - I don't think it will disappoint. I think what I appreciated the most was the honesty that the text was written. The authors also included a good amount of humor to emphasize the point (in cartoon, comic, Top 10 List, etc), in order to keep a reader interested. I think this text is also a good reference as well, as there are numerous court cases and explicit examples of gov't at work - that if you are ever at a loss for "what was it that happened?" or "what does that term mean?" Things are extremely easy to find and be referred to. Good works.

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