

## Local Government Today Politics Today

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*Democrats have largely ceded control of state governments to the GOP, allowing them to rig our political system and undermine democracy itself. After the 2016 election, Republicans had their largest majority in the states since 1928, controlling legislative chambers in thirty-two states and governor offices in thirty-three. They also held both chambers of Congress and the presidency despite losing the popular vote. What happened? Meaghan Winter shows how the Democratic Party and left-leaning political establishment have spent the past several decades betting it all on the very risky and increasingly foolhardy strategy of abandoning the states to focus on federal races. For the American public, the fallout has been catastrophic. At the behest of their corporate patrons, Republican lawmakers have diminished employee protections and healthcare access and thwarted action on climate change. Voting rights are being dismantled, and even the mildest gun safety measures are being blocked. Taking us to three key battlegrounds—in Missouri, Florida, and Colorado—Winter reveals that robust state and local politics are the lifeblood of democracy and the only lasting building block of political power.*

*Examines the tenets of liberalism, socialism, conservatism, Marxism, anarchism, and fascism.*

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*Authoritative Governance*

*Race, Class, and Representation in American Local Politics*

*Electing Mayors and Democracy*

*Harnessing Transparency and Citizen Engagement*

*Hometown Inequality*

*Subsidizing Inefficiency*

*Revising local democracy offers a vivid and persuasive critical examination of New Labour's programme for the modernisation of local government, providing a balanced view of the democracy and participation debate. Since 1997, the Blair government has sought to mobilise popular participation through local referenda, new political structures, electoral reform, and the creation of powerful new elected mayors. Through these mechanisms it is hoped that the lack of public interest and persistently low election turnouts will be overcome.The book draws on a wide range of new survey data to relate the crisis of local politics and evidence to wider changes in the political culture. The author goes on to evaluate the government's proposals to reverse decline, asking whether this programme of reform is likely to succeed. With the aid of a series of recent surveys of both public and councillor opinion, and the successful blending of historical and empirical analysis, she offers an assessment of the realities which the democratic renewal project will have to confront in its implementation.The book is topical and timely, and highly accessible, and will appeal to students, those involved in local government, and anyone concerned to see local government become more representative, responsive, and open to popular participation.*

*This is the first major study of provincial history in the Qajar period. It examines in detail the transformation of the Mazandaran traditional provincial community and economy in the course of the 19th and early 20th centuries.*

*From 1920 until the present, the working-class suburbs of Paris, known as the Red Belt, have constituted the heart of French Communism, providing the Party not only with its most solid electoral base but with much of its cultural identity as well. Focusing on the northeastern suburb of Bobigny, Stovall explores the nature of working-class life and politicization as he skillfully documents how this unique region and political culture came into being. The Rise of the Paris Red Belt reveals that the very process of urban development in metropolitan Paris and the suburbs provided the most important opportunities for the local establishment of Communist influence. The rapid increase in Paris' suburban population during the early twentieth century outstripped the development of the local urban infrastructure. Consequently, many of these suburbs, often represented to their new residents as charming country villages, soon degenerated into suburban slums. Stovall argues that Communists forged a powerful political block by mobilizing the disillusionment and by improving some of the worst aspects of suburban life. As a social history of twentieth-century France, The Rise of the Paris Red Belt calls into question traditional assumptions about the history of both French Communism and the French working-class. It suggests that those interested in working-class politics, especially in the twentieth century, should consider the significance of residential and consumer issues as well as those relating to the workplace. It also suggests that urban history and urban development should not be considered autonomous phenomena, but rather expressions of class relations. The Rise of the Paris Red Belt brings to life a world whose citizens, though often overlooked, are nonetheless the history of modern France. From 1920 until the present, the working-class suburbs of Paris, known as the Red Belt, have constituted the heart of French Communism, providing the Party not only with its most solid electoral base but with much of its cultural identity as well. Focusing on the northeastern suburb of Bobigny, Stovall explores the nature of working-class life and politicization as he skillfully documents how this unique region and political culture came into being. The Rise of the Paris Red Belt reveals that the very process of urban development in metropolitan Paris and the suburbs provided the most important opportunities for the local establishment of Communist influence. The rapid increase in Paris' suburban population during the early twentieth century outstripped the development of the local urban infrastructure. Consequently, many of these suburbs, often represented to their new residents as charming country villages, soon degenerated into suburban slums. Stovall argues that Communists forged a powerful political block by mobilizing the disillusionment and by improving some of the worst aspects of suburban life. As a social history of twentieth-century France, The Rise of the Paris Red Belt calls into question traditional assumptions about the history of both French Communism and the French working-class. It suggests that those interested in working-class politics, especially in the twentieth century, should consider the significance of residential and consumer issues as well as those relating to the workplace. It also suggests that urban history and urban development should not be considered autonomous phenomena, but rather expressions of class relations. The Rise of the Paris Red Belt brings to life a world whose citizens, though often overlooked, are nonetheless the history of modern France.*

*Based on the author's dissertation. Includes bibliographical references.*

*Local Government and the States: Autonomy, Politics and Policy*

*Middle East Politics Today*

*Reform Challenges to Machine Politics in New York, Cleveland, and Chicago*

*Alternative Worlds*

*Global Trends 2030*

*Diversity and Order in State and Local Politics*

*The notion that politics has failed the Haitian people is explored in this in-depth and balanced analysis. It identifies the causes of widespread poverty and political instability as the result of multiple internal factors centered in the elite-mass relationship, with the resourcefulness of the people blocked by greedy governments. Weinstein and Segal admit that the U.S. has made some mistakes in its relationship with Haiti, but they do not blame the U.S. for Haiti's worst political failure, the Duvalierist system. Essential to Haiti's recovery are closer ties to the Caribbean and to the EEC, along with a continuing relationship with the U.S.*

*"A remarkable synthesis of familiar themes and the latest scholarship on the Middle East. The book is distinguished by its balancing of micro and macro politics and of theory and narrative history."—Shada Talhami, Lake Forest College Accessible to students and useful to the expert, this up-to-date volume offers a comprehensive study of important and complicated issues in the contemporary Middle East. This account, covering all Middle Eastern countries, examines major trends in the history, politics, and economics of the region, with a special focus on events since the 1991 Persian Gulf War. It emphasizes regional comparative groupings of states such as the Fertile Crescent, the Arabian Peninsula, North Africa, the Nile Valley, Turkey, and Iran. Tareq Ismael provides readers with an understanding of the forces that shape local and regional politics as well as a basis for how the region locates itself in international affairs. He looks at the new dynamics that have developed since the Gulf War, especially the decay of postcolonial state structures and the strength of American influence in politics. His account of each state stresses historical background, development of political institutions and processes, and socioeconomic issues and institutions. Considering forces local to particular areas, Ismael discusses such topics as terrorism, Islamic activism, the growth of state coercive agencies, and the subversion of democratic institutions and processes by regimes. Tareq Y. Ismael is professor of political science at the University of Calgary.*

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*Local Government Today provides a comprehensive analysis of the structure, finance, management, and democratic framework for local government in Britain. This new edition includes the changes made by Tony Blair's government and an evaluation in a comparative context of the value and effectiveness of the system. A new feature is a running commentary that puts the British system in comparative context and provides basic information on how local government operates in the European Union and the Unites States.*

*Politics and Public Policies*

*Search for Good Government*

*All Politics Is Local*

*More Than the Flower Show*

*Haiti*

*Understanding the Paradox of Italian Democracy*

*In a campaign for state or local office these days, you're as likely today to hear accusations that an opponent advanced Obamacare or supported Donald Trump as you are to hear about issues affecting the state or local community. This is because American political behavior has become substantially more nationalized. American voters are far more engaged with and knowledgeable about what's happening in Washington, DC, than in similar messages whether they are in the South, the Northeast, or the Midwest. Gone are the days when all politics was local. With The Increasingly United States, Daniel J. Hopkins explores this trend and its implications for the American political system. The change is significant in part because it works against a key rationale of America's federalist system, which was built on the assumption that citizens would be more strongly attached to their states and localities. It also has profound implications for how voters are represented. If voters are well informed about state politics, for example, the governor has an incentive to deliver what voters—or at least a pivotal segment of them—want. But if voters are likely to back the same party in gubernatorial as in presidential elections irrespective of the governor's actions in office, governors may instead come to see their ambitions as tethered more closely to their status in the national party.*

*Governments fail to provide the public goods needed for development when its leaders knowingly and deliberately ignore sound technical advice or are unable to follow it, despite the best of intentions, because of political constraints. This report focuses on two forces—citizen engagement and transparency—that hold the key to solving government failures by shaping how political markets function. Citizens are not only queuing at voting booths, but are also taking to the streets and using diverse media to pressure, sanction and select the leaders who wield power within government, including by entering as contenders for leadership. This political engagement can function in highly nuanced ways within the same formal institutional context and across the political spectrum, from autocracies to democracies. Unhealthy political engagement, when leaders are selected and sanctioned on the basis of their provision of private benefits rather than public goods, gives rise to government failures. The solutions to these failures lie in fostering healthy political engagement within any institutional context, and not in circumventing or suppressing it. Transparency, which is citizen access to publicly available information about the actions of those in government, and the consequences of these actions, can play a crucial role by nourishing political engagement.*

*This book offers an overview of the legal, political, and broad intergovernmental environment in which relations between local and state units of government take place, the historical roots of the conflict among them, and an analysis of contemporary problems concerning local authority, local revenues, state interventions and takeovers, and the restructuring of local governments. The author pays special attention to local governmental autonomy and the goals and activities of local officials as they seek to secure resources, fend off regulations and interventions, and fight for survival as independent units. He looks at the intergovernmental struggle from the bottom up, but in the process examines a variety of political activities at the state level and the development and effects of several state policies. Berman finds considerable reason to be concerned about the viability and future of meaningful local government.*

*This text presents a survey of the German political system. It gives an overview of the historical background to the present-day political system and an analysis of the institutions of political participation and the institutions of government.*

*Jean Gerson, Apostle of Unity*

*The Increasingly United States*

*Policy Making in the Age of Mediatization*

*The New Battleground*

*American Government and Politics Today 2015-2016*

*How and Why American Political Behavior Nationalized*

*In the US House of Representatives, members seek to win repeated reelection whereas politicians in Brazil see the national legislature as a stepping-stone to "higher" office, in state and local government. This book contributes to the literature on the importance of federalism and subnational politics to understanding national-level politics worldwide.*

*This is an excellent complementary text to the standard texts on American politics providing vital background in the form of historical and statistical information that enables students to see present day American politics in context.*

*observers have frequently noted that Italians seem skilled at many things - but not at good government. As a people Italians are said to have flair, panache, and tenacity, while as a polity Italy is in shambles. This paradoxical view of politics can be found in Italian history as far back as Guicciardini and Machiavelli. Nor is it unique to Italy, for the social dilemma of "rational individuals and irrational society" has, since Hobbes, produced a large literature on social theory and comparative suggestions for policy. In The Search for Good Government Filippo Sabetti examines Italian politics to reassess habitual presumptions in comparative politics, opening new territory in the art and science of institutional analysis.*

*The best-selling book published for American Government, AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS TODAY: THE ESSENTIALS helps students experience the excitement that comes from active, informed citizenship in a concisely organized package. Bardes, Shelley, and Schmidt's text is renowned nationwide for its balanced, unbiased, comprehensive, and up-to-date coverage of constitutional, governmental, political, social, and economic structures and processes. The overriding theme is active citizenship. The pedagogy underscores this theme by soliciting critical thinking about political issues and encouraging students to become involved the political process. With keen awareness of its audience, AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS TODAY: THE ESSENTIALS incorporates current examples, the Internet, and other media to stimulate learning and excitement about American government. This truly interactive text gives students more than reading material—it gives them a voice.*

*Experts and Politicians*

*Why Progressives Must Fight for the States*

*Government and Civil Society*

*German Politics Today*

*A Study of State Aid and Local Government Productivity*

*The Current Position*

*Local governments play a central role in American democracy, providing essential services such as policing, water, and sanitation. Moreover, Americans express great confidence in their municipal governments. But is this confidence warranted? Using big data and a representative sample of American communities, this book provides the first systematic examination of racial and class inequalities in local politics. We find that non-whites and less-affluent residents are consistent losers in local democracy. Residents of color and those with lower incomes receive less representation from local elected officials than do whites and the affluent. Additionally, they are much less likely than privileged community members to have their preferences reflected in local government policy. Contrary to the popular assumption that governments that are "closest" govern best, we find that inequalities in representation are most severe in suburbs and small towns. Typical reforms do not seem to improve the situation, and we recommend new approaches.*

*In the aftermath of the Scott Report and the Nolan Committee this new study looks at the declining accountability of government in Britain, and the growth of quangos and agencies as well as the Monarchy and House of Lords are examined.*

*The role of the media has become a central part of politics and policy in the twenty-first century. That dominance has led many to suggest a trend of 'dumbing down': the privileging of style over content. In this provocative new book, Maarten Hajer takes issue with the 'dumbing down' thesis both on theoretical and empirical grounds. He aims to show how authoritative governance remains possible in crisis driven circumstances and a highly 'mediatized' world. The book elaborates a communicative understanding of authority, which, the author argues, can create a new basis for authoritative governance marked by political and institutional fragmentation. Extending his discourse-analytical framework, Hajer uses both discursive and dramaturgical methods to study policymakers in their struggle for authority. Three detailed case studies—the plans to rebuild Ground Zero, the aftermath of the assassination of Theo Van Gogh, and the recent role of the British Food Standards Agency—provide a wealth of detail of the dynamics of authority in today's mediatized polity and bring out the peculiar role that crises now play. The argument of the book is that in the age of mediatization governance needs to be 'performed'. Hajer describes a genuinely new authoritative governance that breaks with existing interpretations. He demonstrates ways in which the traditional government of standing institutions and nations of network governance can be combined in actively creating relations with a variety of publics.*

*This report is intended to stimulate thinking about the rapid and vast geopolitical changes characterizing the world today and possible global trajectories over the next 15 years. As with the NIC's previous Global Trends reports, we do not seek to predict the future, which would be an impossible feat, but instead provide a framework for thinking about possible futures and their implications. In-depth research, detailed modeling and a variety of analytical tools drawn from public, private and academic sources were employed in the production of Global Trends 2030. NIC leadership engaged with experts in nearly 20 countries, from think tanks, banks, government offices and business groups, to solicit reviews of the report.*

*The Rise of the Paris Red Belt*

*American Government and Politics Today: No Separate Policy Chapters Version, 2015-2016 Edition (with MindTap Political Science Printed Access Card)*

*Political Ideology Today*

*Local Government Today*

*Local Government in China Under the Ch'ing*

*His Church Politics and Ecclesiology*

*The Politics of State ants and Local GovernmentMacMillan Publishing CompanyAmerican Politics Today*

*Fake news. Twitter rants. Misinformation. Silos. Echo chambers. Spin. Alternative facts. Investigation, accusation, and obfuscation. Punditry, polls, and prognostication. This is today's politics. To cut through the noise, students need a guide to how politics really works and why it matters. American Politics Today has been that trusted source. And the new sixth edition brings even greater focus to examining preconceived notions of how government operates and understanding what's really going on.*

*This study provides a new insight in the development and background of the church-political and ecclesiological ideas of the famous chancellor of the Paris University, Jean Gerson (1363-1429).*

*This book provides an up-to-date look at the British Home Civil Service. Written in a clear and accessible style, the book considers the Civil Service at the end of the period of reform that began in the 1980s and asks vital questions concerning the degree of politicization of the Civil Service that there has been during the Next Steps and other reform programs. The author considers the part played by civil servants in the devolution of government and also describes the heavy commitment to Europe, questioning the extent to which a unified service has been replaced by a federal structure.*

*American Government and Politics Today: No Separate Policy Chapters Version, 2016-2017 Edition*

*Society, Politics and Economics in Mitandarin, Iran, 1848-1914*

*Political Management Arrangements in Local Government*

*The Politics Today Companion to American Government*

*American Politics Today*

*New Labour, New Politics?*

*This publication covers global megatrends for the next 20 years and how they will affect the United States. This is the fifth installment in the National Intelligence Council's series aimed at providing a framework for thinking about possible futures and their implications. The report is intended to stimulate strategic thinking about the rapid and vast geopolitical changes characterizing the world today and possible global trajectories during the next 15-20 years by identifying critical trends and potential discontinuities. The authors distinguish between megatrends, those factors that will likely occur under any scenario, and game-changers, critical variables whose trajectories are far less certain. NIC 2012-001. Several innovations are included in Global Trends 2030, including: a review of the four previous Global Trends reports, input from academic and other experts around the world, coverage of disruptive technologies, and a chapter on the potential trajectories for the US role in the international system and the possible impact on future international relations. Table of Contents: Introduction 6 Individual Empowerment 8 Poverty Reduction 8 A Expanding Global Middle Class 8 Education and the Gender Gap 10 Role of Communications Technologies 11 Improving Health 11 A MORE CONFLICTED IDEOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE 12 Diffusion of Power 15 THE RISE AND FALL OF COUNTRIES: NOT THE SAME OLD STORY 17 THE LIMITS OF HARD POWER IN THE WORLD OF 2030 18 Demographic Patterns 20 Widespread Aging 20 Shrinking Number of Youthful Countries 22 A New Age of Migration 23 The World as Urban 26 Growing Food, Water, and Energy Nexus 30 Food, Water, and Climate 30 A Brighter Energy Outlook 34 Game-Changers 38 The Crisis-Prone Global Economy 40 The Plight of the West 40 Crunch Time Too for the Emerging Powers 43 A Multipolar Global Economy; Inherently More Fragile? 46 The Governance Gap 48 Governance Starts at Home: Risks and Opportunities 48 INCREASED FOCUS ON EQUALITY AND OPENNESS 53 NEW GOVERNMENTAL FORMS 54 A New Regional Order? 55 Global Multilateral Cooperation 55 The Potential for Increased Conflict 59 INTRASTATE CONFLICT: CONTINUED DECLINE 59 Interstate Conflict: The United States' Wider Scope of Regional Instability 70 The Middle East: At a Tipping Point 70 South Asia: Shocks on the Horizon 75 East Asia: Multiple Strategic Futures 76 Europe: Transforming Itself 78 Sub-Saharan Africa: Turning a Corner by 2030? 79 Latin America: More Prosperous but Inherently Fragile 81 The Impact of New Technologies 83 Information Technologies 83 AUTOMATION AND MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES 87 Resource Technologies 90 Health Technologies 95 The Role of the United States 98 Steady US Role 98 Multiple Potential Scenarios for the United States' Global Role 101 Alternative Worlds 107 Stalled Engines 110 FUSION 116 Gini-out-of-the-Bottle 122 Nonstate World 128 Acknowledgements 134 GT2030 Blog References 137 Audience: Appropriate for anyone, from businesses to banks, government agencies to start-ups, the technology sector to the teaching sector, and more. This publication helps anticipate where the world will be: socially, politically, technologically, and culturally over the next few decades. Keywords: Global Trends 2030 Alternative Worlds, global trends 2030, Global Trends series, National Intelligence Council, global trajectories, global megatrends, geopolitics, geopolitical changes*

*Reform opposition to machine politics. Drawing on original research and quantitative analysis of electoral data, Finegold identifies three distinct patterns of support for reform candidates: traditional reformers drew support from native-stock elites; municipal populists found support among immigrant stock groups and segments of the working class; and progressive candidates won the backing of coalitions made up of traditional reform and municipal populist voters. The*

*Ford/Bardes/Schmidt/Shelley's AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS TODAY equips you with the knowledge to make informed choices and the tools to play an active role in the decision-making process in your community. Completely up to date, the 19th edition covers the 2020 primary and general elections, COVID-19, civil liberties in quarantine, climate change, gun violence, race and gender dynamics, migration and immigration, and social media's prominent role in politics. The text also explores the roots of political polarization, its impact on civil discourse and shared governance, and the consequences when our divisions prevent us from solving public problems. Engaging examples of politics, politicians and policies bring chapter concepts to life, while Politics in Practice features provide an up-close view of people taking political action -- and also suggest ways for you to get involved. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.*

*City People and Politics in the 1920s*

*State and Local Government*

*The Government and Politics of Israel*

*American Government and Politics Today*

*Representative Democracy in Britain Today*

*The Failure of Politics*