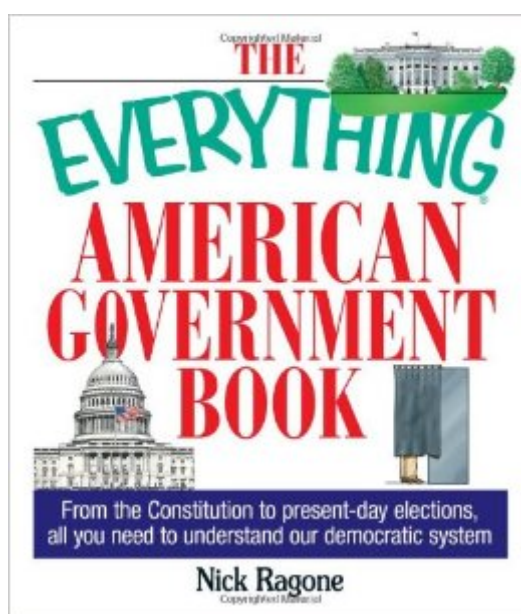


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# The Everything American Government Book: From The Constitution To Present-Day Elections, All You Need To Understand Our Democratic System



## Synopsis

If the confusion following the last presidential election is any indication, the average citizen knows precious little about the democratic system and the laws that affect their daily lives. The Everything American Government Book unravels the complexities of our democracy and provides readers with the knowledge necessary to make the right decisions and take an active role in the management of their country. From the roots of American government and the challenges that have helped shape it over the years to its current structure and systems, this thoroughly researched work is ideal for anyone brushing up on civics, as well as students of all ages. Readers learn about: The personalities and events that gave rise to our current system The real significance of the Bill of Rights and the Constitution The functions of each branch of government and how they work together Private sector's influence on public policy and decision-making Ways to get involved and make a difference Specially designed to inform and empower the average citizen during this critical election year, The Everything American Government Book provides the keys to understanding the ins and outs of the most powerful democracy in the world.

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A must for anyone taking the Foreign Service Written Exam or an AP Government course in high school! Nick Ragone demystifies the inner workings of American government, and provides valuable insight to all those not from "inside the Beltway." He leaves nothing out and writes with

clarity, depth and a good sense of humor. Highly recommended!

We used this book as a text for our homeschool American Government course. It had all of the necessary information in an easily accessible format. It was easy to cover all of the material in a semester course.

A must read for every student..... a life time reference book. The author, Nick Ragone has un-complicated the workings of our system of government and made it a fun book to read. Looking forward to reading the author's next book. Anthony Graziano

This is the sort of book I keep handy to answer any question that may come up about the US Govt. Easy to find answers, easy to read, yet thorough.

The layout is less intuitive than, say, an idiot's guide, but doesn't talk down to you and leave out details while doing it. The genius about this book is the fact that it remains intuitive via the writing style. This book was meant, I believe, to be read from front to back as an easily digestible read, but can be taken in part. Good stuff.

With elections coming up next year, I thought it would be good to take a refresher course about our government, especially since my classroom experience with this consisted mainly of memorizing a bunch of facts to regurgitate on a test without practical application of anything. This book provides a good overview of the various facets of our government, from the federal down to the local level but focusing mainly on federal. That said, I felt the most valuable part of this book was the appendices that contained the Declaration of Independence, and our Constitution along with its amendments. The best thing is to read these yourself and be impressed at the wisdom and principles of our founding fathers, especially at how it was achieved with such an economy of words. Today's practitioners of red tape and bureaucracy should be ashamed of themselves for turning government into a bloated bag of wind primarily concerned with its own survival rather than the nurturing of the people it is supposed to be governing. Like I said, the text of the book provides a good overview but is pretty much just a rehash of the original documents. I felt reading the original documents was more worthwhile when it came to the particulars of the law and how our government was structured. Where I felt the book was useful was its discussion of political influence within our system - such as the effect of lobbyists, the media, PAC's, etc., and it made me dizzy just thinking of all the

possibilities for corruption which can and do take place in our system. That anyone could rise above this to do great things for this country is pretty amazing in itself. Anyway, to sum up, this book is a good, relatively inexpensive way to bone up on how our system of government works.

This book is an excellent guide to the American Government system. It covers historical events surrounding the writing of the Constitution and reveals personal information on the founding fathers. This book is an interesting read and a great companion book to AP Government Classes for High Schoolers or anyone who would like to have more information on the political roots and processes in America.

An excellent primer by a lawyer, political wiz and PR practitioner extraordinaire. I highly recommend it for those that didn't take government or civics in high school or college.

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