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1. GENERAL AND REFERENCE

Aaron, Henry J. et al., eds.

AGENDA FOR THE NATION

Brookings Institution Press, 2003, \$19.95

Researchers from academia and think tanks address some of the major domestic and foreign policy problems facing the United States over the next five to ten years. The fifteen chapters analyze developments in the economy, health care, pensions, immigration, energy and the environment, foreign and military policy, terrorism and federalism. The essays are largely descriptive providing useful road maps of where policies in these areas have been and where they may be headed. Ideologically, many of the essays reflect conservative premises.

(Review Source: Perspectives on Political Science)

Schumaker, Paul D., ed.

CHOOSING A PRESIDENT: The Electoral College and Beyond

Chatham, 2002, \$22.95

How would reform of the Electoral College affect the US federal system of government, national government institutions, and party system? What effect would reform have on the conduct of campaign organizations during elections, media coverage of campaigns, citizen participation, and distribution of power? On the basis of these deliberations, a team of 37 U.S. political experts discuss the extent to which he or she supports or opposes the Electoral College and the various alternatives to it.

(Review Source: Publishers Supplied)

CONGRESS A TO Z

Congressional Quarterly Press, 4th ed., 2003, \$125.00

From the "Abscam scandal" to "zone whips," this encyclopedia contains some 250 entries describing institutions, personalities, processes, and events related to the U.S. Congress. The material was updated to take into account events through mid- 2003 and was written to be understandable at a high school level. A series of appendices provide information on congressional leaders, minority members, cases of expulsion and censure, party affiliations, salaries, and other topics.

(Review Source: Reference & Research Book News, November 1, 2003)

CQ'S GUIDE TO U.S. ELECTIONS

Congressional Quarterly Press, 4th ed., 2001, \$325.00

This fourth edition [...] provides historical and contemporary information about presidential, congressional, and gubernatorial elections through the 2000 election. The editors add historical narrative and essays on specific issues[...] Essays about political parties are longer, and a chapter is added on campaign finance. Volume 1 offers a history of presidential elections, information about national party convention platforms and ballots, maps illustrating electoral vote distribution, tables of national and state votes for major and minor candidates, votes in state primaries, and a biographical directory of candidates for president and vice-president. Volume 2 covers mainly data on congressional and gubernatorial primaries and general elections and includes separate directories of all congressmen since 1789 and governors since 1776. Essays cover the history and contemporary issues related to methods of electing congressmen, senators, and governors, terms of office, congressional reapportionment, characteristics of members of Congress, and disputed elections. The volumes include illustrations and special reference information (e.g., excerpts from the Supreme Court decision on the Florida returns in 2000; a list of Speakers of the House since 1789).

(Review Source: Choice Online, March 2002)

ELECTIONS A TO Z

Congressional Quarterly Press, 2nd ed., 2003, \$125.00

This thoroughly revised edition of Elections A to Z explains how campaigns and elections are conducted in America and how voters, political parties, and others participate in choosing their elected officials. Entries range from short definitions of terms like "front-runner" to in-depth essays exploring vital aspects of campaigns and elections, such as the right to vote, turnout trends, and the history, evolution, and current state of House, Senate, presidential, and some state-level elections. From unique facts about voting machines and whistle stops to informative maps, photographs, charts, and tables, Elections A to Z is valuable to any researcher.

Appendixes, indexes, and cross references are also included.

(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

Roberts, Robert N. & Scott Hammond

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS, SLOGANS, ISSUES, AND PLATFORMS

Greenwood, 2004, \$75.00

This book offers a succinct account of every presidential election from George Washington to George W. Bush. A-to-Z entries focus on important figures, slogans, events, and ideas that gave each campaign its unique flavor. Roberts and Hammond collect the many messages and discuss the speeches, buttons, television advertisements, and other means presidential hopefuls have used to get their election platforms across to the voting public. It contains a detailed timeline, over 100 illustrations, and an appendix detailing every presidential candidate's platform.

(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

Maisel, Louis S. & Kara Z. Buckley

PARTIES AND ELECTIONS IN AMERICA: The Electoral Process

Rowman & Littlefield, August 2004, \$49.95

Thoroughly revised and updated, this is the fourth edition of this classic textbook. It covers all aspects of the electoral process from historical roots to election year 2004. The authors bring life to parties long declared dead and first-hand experience running for office to the

sometimes-grueling campaign trail. Congressman David Price said, "The text that is not only authoritative but also engaging, introducing students to the excitement and challenge of politics."

(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

Maisel, L. Sandy

PARTIES RESPOND: CHANGES IN AMERICAN PARTIES AND CAMPAIGNS

Westview, 2002, \$37.95

This latest edition of a well-established and wide-ranging collection of essays about political parties raises the question of what is old and what is new. Unchanged or updated are chapters on party history, state and national party organizations, party identification, how the media cover national conventions, congressional parties and coalitions, and presidential appointments. New in this volume are contributions on the role of states in the presidential nominating process (Bruce Cain and Megan Mullin), parties in congressional campaigns (Sandy Maisel, Cherie Maestas, and Walter Stone), voting in the 2000 presidential election (David Shribman), and two essays on soft money (Michael Franz and Kenneth Goldstein, and Ray La Raja). The book is so comprehensive that it could be used as the basis for a course in American political parties. The quality of the chapters is uniformly high; the most valuable new contributions are those by Cain and Mullin and Franz and Goldstein. Once again Maisel (Colby College) has provided a valuable service by bringing together a solid and well-written collection

(Review Source: Choice Online, June 2003)

Flanigan, William H. & Nancy H. Zingale

POLITICAL BEHAVIOR OF THE AMERICAN ELECTORATE

Congressional Quarterly Press, 2004, \$34.95

In Flanigan and Zingale's classic study, National Election Studies data from the extraordinary 2000 elections is carefully analyzed to effectively highlight the characteristics that shape Americans' responses to politics: Are Americans committed to upholding basic democratic values? Who votes and why? How do economic and social characteristics influence individuals' political behavior? The authors answer these and other questions and place them in the context of the changes that have occurred in American political behavior in over the past fifty years.

(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

PRESIDENCY A TO Z

Congressional Quarterly Press, 3rd ed., 2003, \$125.00

The extensively revised third edition includes information on the Clinton impeachment, the 2000 election, and the response to the September 11 attacks. This reference contains some 300 entries related to the U.S. presidency. Entries cover executive agencies; presidents, first ladies, major presidential candidates, and other personalities; important events; and related political terminology. This volume is updated to include information from just before the U.S. invasion of Iraq. Appropriate for high school students and above

(Review Source: Booklist, October 15, 2003 & Reference & Research Book News, August 1, 2003)

Boller, Paul F. et al.

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS: From George Washington to George W. Bush

Oxford University Press, July 2004, \$40.00

This revised and updated edition of *Presidential Campaigns* makes clear, the race for the presidency has always been a highly-charged spectacle. This book unveils the history of American presidential elections, from the seamless ascent of General George Washington to the bitterly contested election of George W. Bush. Each chapter contains a brief essay describing an election and presenting "campaign highlights." A postscript analyzes the major changes in the ways Americans have chosen their Presidents from Washington's time to the present. "[Boller] has a good eye for the offbeat and the ludicrous, and he spins the anecdotes together with the skill of the old fashioned Yankee yarnmaster."

(Review Source: New York Times Book Review)

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS: Strategies and Structures of American Elections

Rowman & Littlefield, 11th ed., 2004, \$29.95

A new edition of a classic introductory college level text addressing the processes involved in American presidential elections. Strategic issues are first covered, including voters, groups, and rules and resources. Next, the nomination process and the campaign are covered, followed by examination of issues including appraisals of reform issues, party differences, and American democracy.

(Review Source: Reference & Research Book News)

Bibby, John F. & L. Sandy Maisel

TWO PARTIES - OR MORE? THE AMERICAN PARTY SYSTEM

Congressional Quarterly Press, 2nd ed., 2002, \$22.00

This second edition of a supplementary text for undergraduates places the dilemmas surrounding the two-party system in the context of recent elections and the environment in which all parties must function. [The authors] provide students with a historical overview of minor parties and their impact on politics, and look at recent examples such as Ross Perot's efforts in 1992 and 1996, the Reform party in 2000, Jesse Ventura's victory in Minnesota, and Ralph Nader's Green Party campaign for presidency in 2000. Learning features include a glossary, discussion questions, and an appendix of third parties and recent third party officeholders.

(Review Source: Reference & Research Book News, February 1, 2003)

Diclerico, Robert E.

VOTING IN AMERICA: A Reference Handbook

ABC-Clío, June 2004, \$50.00

The most comprehensive examination of the people, forces, and events that have shaped the right, opportunities, and value of the vote in America from 1715 to the present.

(Review Source: Synopsis Provided by "Books in Print")

Schier, Steven E.

YOU CALL THIS AN ELECTION? America's Peculiar Democracy

Georgetown University, 2002, \$24.95

Schier (Carleton College) presents an excellent account of the comparative strengths and weaknesses of the "peculiar" electoral system of the US. Often referred to as the "world's oldest democracy," the US has an electoral system that Schier convincingly argues is lacking in many respects. US elections promote stability, but to a considerable degree fail to encourage high voter turnout, accountability of elected officials, and thoughtful deliberation of public policy. Schier's argument that the US has "one of the most baroque electoral systems in the world" is forged by comparing elections in the US to those in other democratic countries. He

argues compellingly that American elections would be improved by adopting a single transferable vote system. Schier also is a strong proponent of the universal registration system that exists in most other democratic countries. As Schier acknowledges, Americans revere their national institutions; as a result, many of his proposals are certainly politically unrealistic in the short term. Schier's proposals, however, promise to provoke meaningful debate as to what Americans should endeavor through the electoral process.
(Review Source: Choice Online, September 2003)

2. THE 2004 CAMPAIGN

League of Women Voters

CHOOSING THE PRESIDENT: A Citizen's Guide to the Electoral Process

Lyons Press, 2004, \$22.95

The latest edition in the respected League of Women Voters tradition of providing citizen tools for elections. The book is a thorough, nonpartisan and voter-friendly guidebook to the players and events. Especially valuable for students and first-time voters.
(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

Goldstein, Michael L.

GUIDE TO THE 2004 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Congressional Quarterly Press, 2004, \$19.95

Intended as a text for use in political science classes, this book at once explores the development of presidential electoral politics in the United States and, to a lesser extent, examines the specifics of the impending 2004 contest. The role of parties, primaries, and conventions are discussed. A chapter on "the campaign trail" looks at the Electoral College, candidate strategies, and the role of the mass media in American elections. Issues of reform stemming from the 2000 election and before are discussed
(Review Source: Reference & Research Book News, November 1, 2003)

Wayne, Stephen J.

ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE 2004: The Politics of Presidential Elections

Wadsworth, 2003, \$35.00

This textbook begins with an historical overview of the system of presidential election, and then proceeds to trace out every step in the process<-->nomination, campaigning, and the election itself. Issues like campaign finance, and strategic, tactical, organizational, and media aspects are addressed along the way. Prospects for reform are also briefly discussed. Wayne teaches government at Georgetown University
(Review Source: Reference & Research Book News, November 1, 2003)

WHAT WE STAND FOR: A Platform for a Changing America

Newmarket Press, May 2004, \$18.95

Edited by Mark Green, this volume gathers together contributions by a range of American scholars, advocates, and experts to lay out a practical progressive program that candidates can run on and govern by – and that voters can gauge candidates by. The volume contributes to the quadrennial American conversation not only about who will govern but how. What ideas can the President, Congress and state capitals rally behind to fulfill the promise of America? Labor laws, civil rights laws, Medicare and Medicaid, the G.I. bill, the Freedom of Information Act, environmental and consumer regulation, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Earned Income Tax Credit and Family and Medical Leave proved to be breakthroughs that made

America more just and prosperous. What equivalent reforms are needed in the short term by 2005 – or in the longer term by 2010?

(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

Kristal, William

WHAT'S AT STAKE? The War on Terror and the 2004 Election Showdown

Encounter, May 2004, \$21.95

The author discusses the significance of the 2004 presidential election. This is the first post-9/11 presidential election, and Kristol shows that what is ultimately at stake is whether or not the United States will wage an all-out War on Terror as outlined in the “Bush Doctrine.” As one of the architects of that doctrine, he maintains that finishing the war in Iraq and installing a democratic government there is a test the U.S. must not fail. But Iraq and Afghanistan are only the first steps in a “long twilight struggle” to transform the Middle East and make the world safer for America and its principles. Although critical of some of the president’s policies, Kristol defends George W. Bush for understanding that our unique power has created an “American moment” in which decisive action can make the world a freer place and secure our future for generations to come.

(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

3. THE ELECTION OF 2000

Thurber, James et al.

CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS AMERICAN STYLE

Westview Press, 2nd ed., February 2004, \$30.00

With new and revised essays throughout, this volume provides a real education in practical campaign politics. Academics and campaign professionals describe the innovation and reality of election campaigns as they have evolved over time to culminate in the phenomena of the new town meetings, bus tours, talk radio, infomercials, and focus groups. [...] Offering a unique and careful mix of Democrat and Republican, academic and practitioner, male and female campaign perspectives, this volume scrutinizes national- and local-level campaigns through the 2000 and 2002 election cycles. Students, citizens, candidates, and campaign managers will learn not only how to win elections, but why it has become imperative to do so in an ethical way. [...]

(Review Source: Amazon.com)

Abramson, Paul R.

CHANGE AND CONTINUITY IN THE 2000 AND 2002 ELECTIONS

Congressional Quarterly Press, 2003, \$39.95

[...] As in previous editions, the authors provide an accessible introduction to key theories of electoral behavior and elections, including voter participation and choice, partisan identification, and campaign dynamics. [...] With the support of 80 tables and figures, they richly describe a wealth of empirical evidence regarding how voters choose, which voters participate, how party loyalties take shape and change, how nominations and elections are organized, and how parties and candidates compete in the evolving American electoral universe. [...]heir account of American electoral politics is politically nuanced, historically informed, and neatly balanced[. ...]

(Review Source: Choice Online, February 2004)

Watson, Robert P.

COUNTING VOTES: Lessons from the 2000 Presidential Election in Florida

University Press of Florida, June 2004, \$34.95

This behind-the-scenes assessment of the controversial 2000 presidential election explains the nuts-and-bolts work of elections. It features the insights and experiences of local election and political party officials in Florida involved in the 2000 election as well as essays by advocates of election reform and noted political scientists. It includes an overview of the history of elections and contemporary issues in elections and confronts outdated conventional wisdom concerning reforms. What was the long-term significance of the 2000 election? Are elections conducted in an accurate manner? Can we be sure of the reliability of the voting technologies, ballot designs, and officials that comprise our electoral system? The authors prescribe remedies for the crisis and discuss their consequences and complications. Counting Votes is suitable for the concerned voter and election scholar alike.

(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

DISPUTED PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 2000: A History and Reference Guide

Greenwood, 2003, \$44.95

[...] Dover's volume is a distinctive and helpful addition to th[e...] literature [on the 2000 presidential election]. Labeled as a "history and reference guide," it is that, and more. His work includes a chronology of events, biographies of the major players, and important Florida and US Supreme Court decisions. Particularly useful is the annotated bibliography of the 2000 election literature. Dover also includes chapters on the 2000 election, the Electoral College, and issues in the Florida vote controversy. His chapters often cover little original ground, but they do contribute soundly to the function of the volume as a reference work. The book as a whole coheres well. It will be of great use to any high school or college teacher of American government since the controversies of the 2000 election concern central features of the American political system.

(Review Source: Choice, December 2003)

Wayne, Stephen J. & Clyde Wilcox , eds.

ELECTION OF THE CENTURY AND WHAT IT TELLS US ABOUT THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN POLITICS

M.E. Sharpe, 2002, \$25.95

Going beyond defining the 2000 election in terms of chads and voting machines, this broad-based collection of high-quality articles looks at the campaign and election process from a variety of perspectives. The articles cover traditional political science concerns (campaign strategy, demographics and voting, turnout, campaign finance, etc.) as well as some new areas (generational shifts, the Internet and voting, etc.), and they use the full range of research approaches from analytical descriptions to original empirical data analysis. Relatively equal concern is given to presidential and congressional elections. [...]. Although focusing on the 2000 campaign, many of the articles provide historical context and generalizations useful well beyond one election cycle. The abiding theme woven through all the articles is that "campaigns do matter." [...]. The reader will come away with a good picture of the 2000 campaign and a number of new insights

(Review Source: Choice Online, October 2002)

Weisberg, Herbert & Clyde Wilcox, eds.

MODELS OF VOTING IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS: The 2000 U.S. Election

Stanford University Press, 2003, \$24.95

Models of Voting in Presidential Elections offers a comprehensive scholarly examination of the determinants of voter participation and vote choice at play in the 2000 presidential election. It examines the larger issues surrounding the election and its outcome. It does not focus exclusively on the drama and unusual circumstances of the 2000 election but rather asks why an election that traditional forecasting models predicted would provide a strong and clear victory for one side was ultimately so close. It analyzes a variety of matters fundamental to the 2000 election, including the influence of Bill Clinton, his dual legacy, and the economy. The authors detail changing voter coalitions and the influence of a gender gap. They also describe the role of divided government, how voter turnout affects election outcomes and the impact of minor-party candidates.

(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

Ceaser, James & Andrew Bush

PERFECT TIE

Rowman & Littlefield, 2001, \$21.95

The authors cover the 2000 election, including the politics of pre-campaign fund-raising, the dramatic primary challenges of Bradley and McCain, and the postelection legal struggles in and about Florida, in which the Supreme Court ultimately intervened. The authors, both political science professors, place the 2000 election into a broader context of elections and politics in the United States over time.

(Review Source: Library Journal)

4. E-VOTING AND CAMPAIGNING ONLINE

Bimber, Bruce A.

CAMPAIGNING ONLINE: The Internet in U.S. Elections

Oxford University Press, 2003, \$49.95

The Internet is now a part of American democracy. A majority of Americans are online and many of them use the Internet to learn political information and to follow election campaigns. Candidates now invest heavily in Web and e-mail campaign communication tools in order to reach prospective voters, as well as to communicate with journalists, potential donors, and political activists. Campaigning Online looks at the dynamics of recent elections on the Internet and examining how candidates present themselves online, and how voters respond to their efforts - including measures of whether they learn from candidates' web sites and whether their opinions are affected by what they see, the authors present one of the first systematic depictions of the role of campaign web sites in American elections.

(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

Kamarck, Elaine & Joseph Nye, eds.

GOVERNANCE.COM: Democracy in the Information Age

Brookings Institution Press, 2002, \$18.95

Ten essays, presented by Kamarck (public policy, Harvard U.'s John F. Kennedy School of Government) and Nye (dean, John F. Kennedy School of Government), explore issues of how information technology is affecting American institutions of governance. Articles explore the use of the Internet as a tool for political activism and discuss whether it is expanding the pool of activists. The growth of information-based bureaucracy is examined and its effects on traditional bureaucracy is assessed. Also explored is the use of information technology by political candidates

(Review Source: Reference & Research Book News, November 1, 2002)

Alvarez, Michael

POINT, CLICK AND VOTE: The Future of Internet Voting

Brookings Institution Press, March 2004, \$18.95

In *Point, Click, and Vote*, voting experts Michael Alvarez and Thad Hall make a strong case for greater experimentation with Internet voting. In their words, "There is no way to know whether any argument regarding Internet voting is accurate unless real Internet voting systems are tested, and they should be tested in small-scale, scientific trials so that their successes and failures can be evaluated." In other words, you never know until you try, and it's time to try harder.

The authors offer a realistic plan for putting pilot remote Internet voting programs into effect nationwide. Such programs would allow U.S. voters in selected areas to cast their ballots over any Internet connection; they would not even need to leave home. If these pilot programs are successful, the next step is to consider how they might be implemented on a larger scale in future elections.

(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

Gibson, Rachel et al.

POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE INTERNET: Net Gain?

Routledge, 2003, \$28.95

The development of the Internet seems to offer political parties the chance to re-engage with the public. This volume looks at party competition & online campaigning, internal party democracy & the role of parties within democracy. Are parties adapting & what changes will result? This volume looks at party competition & online campaigning, internal party democracy & the role of parties within democracy

(Review Source: Synopsis Provided by "Books in Print")

Cornfield, Michael

POLITICS MOVE ONLINE: Campaigning and the Internet

Priority Press Publ., February 2004, \$13.95

A new Century Foundation report by Michael Cornfield looks at use of the Internet in recent campaigns and asks whether this is the way of the future for American politics. Through a series of case studies, he examines how candidates have used the Web as a campaign tool and fund-raising mechanism, and how voters use the Internet to gather information and become better informed. Michael Cornfield is Research Director at the Institute for Politics, Democracy, and the Internet (formerly the Democracy Online Project). He writes a monthly column, "The Online Campaigner," for *Campaigns and Elections* magazine, the leading trade publication for professional politicians.

(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

5. SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF ELECTIONS

Henderson, Harry

CAMPAIGN AND ELECTION REFORM

Facts on File, February 2004, \$45.00

A comprehensive and fascinating guide that provides students and general readers with the resources necessary to define, understand, and research campaign and election reform.

(Review Source: Synopsis Provided by "Books in Print")

Kendall, Kathleen E.

COMMUNICATION IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES: Candidates and the Media, 1912-2000

Praeger, 2000, \$25.95

Compares communication approaches in presidential primaries in the twentieth century.

Gregg, Gary L. & Mark Rozell, eds.

CONSIDERING THE BUSH PRESIDENCY

Oxford University Press, 2003, \$24.95

Considering the Bush Presidency offers a scholarly review and analysis of the George W. Bush presidency. Written by leading political scientists, this collection features timely and unique essays that cover such topics as the Bush transition, staffing the Bush presidency, battles over executive privilege, Bush and presidential war powers, the vice presidency of Dick Cheney, and the relationship between the president and Congress. With selections that balance popular topics and theoretical rigor.

(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

Goldberg, Dan

DISPATCHES FROM THE CULTURE WARS: How the Left Lost Teen Spirit

Miramax, 2003, \$23.95

In a meeting with Jack Newfield, according to Goldberg, liberal Sen. Charles Schumer confessed to having never heard of Eminem. This illustrates record producer and civil liberties activist Goldberg's powerful critique of the left and the Democratic Party's failure to stay in touch with its broad popular base and with popular culture as a way of reaching them. [...] Here is that rare breed of book that can deconstruct gangsta rap as effectively as it analyzes the 1988 presidential election, a book in which Lenny Kravitz and Kurt Cobain have an equal footing with Joe Lieberman and John McCain. The long battle Goldberg helped wage against Tipper Gore over rock lyrics in the 1980s underscores many of the book's themes, such as the "arrogant sense of entitlement" among many powerful Democrats and leftists, which alienates young voters.[...]

(Review Source: Amazon.com)

Henderson, Harry

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Dulio, David A

FOR BETTER OR WORSE: How Political Consultants Are Changing Elections in the United States

State University of New York Press, March 2004, \$23.95

For Better or Worse? offers a fresh look at how professional campaign consultants have both positive and negative effects on democracy in the United States. Questioning much of the prevailing conventional wisdom, David A. Dulio employs a unique set of data that empirically examines consultants' own attitudes and beliefs to evaluate where they stand in modern democratic elections. Furthermore, he explores their relationships with candidates, voters, political parties, and the media, revealing that political consultants play an integral role in U.S. elections.

(Review Source: Amazon.com)

Greenstein, Fred I., ed.

GEORGE W. BUSH: An Early Assessment

Johns Hopkins University Press, 2003

In this book, presidential scholar Fred I. Greenstein brings together a group of experts to offer an early analysis of the George W. Bush presidency. The authors begin with a look at George W. Bush in the context of his modern predecessors, viewing the Bush White House in comparative perspective and examining the president's political ethos, including a unique insider's view from a recently departed administration official. They then discuss budgetary and economic policy, foreign and national security policy, and the problems of domestic lawmaking in a "50-50 government." The book concludes with an assessment of George W. Bush's relationship with the congress, the public, and the American electorate.

(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

Suffy, Robert J.

GREEN AGENDA IN AMERICAN POLITICS: New Strategies for the 21st Century

Kansas University Press, 2003, \$17.95

A survey of American environmentalism over the last century up to the current status of the movement. The movement, in Duffy's view, is today mature and capable of political action on many fronts -- including high-level lobbying, litigation, grassroots mobilization, scientific research, strategic campaign spending and media presentation. A concise and jargon-free description of political science concepts related to interest and lobby groups.

(Review Source: Perspectives on Political Science)

Gould, Lewis

GRAND OLD PARTY: A History of the Republicans

Random House, 2003, \$35.00

In this book -- a comprehensive history of the Republican Party -- the author traces the evolution of the "Grand Old Party" from its emergence as an antislavery coalition in the 1850s to its current role as the champion of political and social conservatism. Gould brings to life the major figures of Republican history--Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and George W. Bush. The author also focuses on the historical forces and issues that have made the Republicans what they are: the crusade against slavery, the rise of big business, the Cold War, and opposition to the power of the federal government.

(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

Avalon, John

INDEPENDENT NATION: How the Vital Center is Changing American Politics

Random House, February 2004, \$24.00

Fifty percent of American voters define themselves as political moderates, two-thirds favor political solutions that come from the center of the political spectrum, and Independents outnumber both Democrats and Republicans. Bill Clinton and George W. Bush each explicitly used Centrist strategies to win the White House and twenty-first-century candidates will be compelled to do the same.

(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

Thompson, Dennis F.

JUST ELECTIONS: Creating a Fair Electoral Process in the United States

University of Chicago Press, 2002, \$27.50

Thompson [...] ponders controversies surrounding US elections in light of philosophical principles and examines the arguments of participants themselves. Many of the issues emerged from the 2000 election. [...] His analysis is thoughtful and sometimes surprising, as when he argues that closed primaries promote free choice better than do blanket primaries. A central theme is that people must look beyond the perspective of individual rights to consider how institutions actually function for benefit or detriment of voters and the system. In some cases, such as campaign finance, Thompson draws specific conclusions: he argues that more funding for disadvantaged candidates is better than limiting money spent in campaigns. In others, such as racial redistricting, he defines the issues carefully but does not come down on either side. (Review Source: Choice Online, June 2003)

Corrado, Anthony et al.

NEW CAMPAIGN FINANCE SOURCEBOOK

Brookings Institution Press, April 2004, \$22.95

The New Campaign Finance Sourcebook has been integrated with the award-winning and frequently visited Brookings website to provide a timely, interactive tool for policymakers, journalists, and scholars. Four of the country's leading experts on campaign finance reform have contributed original essays on important facets of finance law and administration. The essays are accompanied by a list of corresponding documents available on the website.

(Review Source: Amazon.com)

Witcover, Jules

NO WAY TO PICK A PRESIDENT: How Money and Hired Guns Have Debased American Elections

Routledge, 2001, \$17.95

Witcover, a journalist with more than 40 years' experience covering politics and presidential campaigns, is highly critical of how Americans elect their presidents. Journalists, political consultants, and the candidates themselves are scrutinized as Witcover examines their roles in the election process. He explores the impact of television, polling, the Internet, and the loss of party loyalty on campaigning. The high cost of campaigning, a grueling primary schedule, and the brutality of press coverage have discouraged promising potential candidates, influencing the selection process before it even starts. Witcover examines the increasing influence of consultants--Dick Morris, Roger Ailes, James Carville, and others--in tailoring their candidates and managing their in-office careers with the help of polls. He offers behind-the-scenes looks at the campaigns of Nixon, Reagan, Clinton, and other presidents, as well as candidates such as George Wallace and Ross Perot. Witcover concludes with recommendations for reforming what he sees as a distressing process of electing the U.S. president

(Review Source: Amazon.com)

Witcover, Jules

PARTY OF THE PEOPLE: A History of the Democrats

Random House, 2003, \$35.00

The Democratic Party of the United States is the oldest political organization in the world. In Party of the People, political chronicler Jules Witcover traces the Democratic Party's evolution, from its roots in the agrarian, individualistic concepts of Thomas Jefferson to its emergence as today's progressive party of social change and economic justice.

(Review Source: Publisher Supplied)

Trent, Judith S. & Robert V. Friedenberg
POLITICAL CAMPAIGN COMMUNICATION
Rowman & Littlefield, 5th ed., 2004, \$75.00

Viewing political campaigns as communication phenomena, Trent and Friedenberg examine the communication principles and practices central to election campaigns. Political Campaign Communication provides readers with a realistic understanding of the strategic and tactical communication choices candidates and their staffs must make as they wage a political campaign. This edition has been updated to reflect what occurred in the 2000 election cycles, the 2002 election cycle, and the early stages of the 2004 election cycle.

(Review Source: Synopsis Provided by “Books in Print”)

Brinkley, Douglas
TOUR OF DUTY: John Kerry and the Vietnam War
Morrow, January 2004, \$25.95

The Vietnam War has deep footprints, especially for political candidates whose valor in combat often becomes a key platform plank. Presidential candidate John Kerry's service as a navy gunboat captain in the Mekong Delta is a key part of his stump speech. For Kerry and his campaign, however, Vietnam is especially defining in that it showcases not just leadership under fire but also the development of his antiwar activism, which established Kerry as an articulate opponent of the war with the credentials to give his words weight. Built out of interviews and historical research, as well as Kerry's diaries, there is enough of a war narrative here to satisfy Vietnam buffs, even if they aren't interested in Kerry's politics. Political buffs will do best to wade patiently through the combat action, which is followed by the veteran's antiwar testimony before Congress

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