Overall Changes

New pedagogical aids included in every chapter are:

- At the beginning of each chapter, the list of chapter topics includes a Learning Outcome for each topic. The Learning Outcomes are repeated with the relevant A-head throughout the chapter text.
- The chapter summary is presented in bullet-point format, organized according to the Aheadings of the chapter.
- At the end of each chapter, an "Assessing Your Understanding" self-test organized according to the Learning Outcomes of the chapter, presents engaging and thought-provoking questions designed to help students test their mastery and understanding of the chapter content.
- Critical thinking questions have been added to all feature boxes—"Compared with What?", "Politics of Global Change," and "What Do You Know About…"—helping students see how the boxed materials relates to and enhances the chapter text material.

In addition to these overall changes, we have made numerous changes through the chapters to keep our book fresh and up-to-date with contemporary politics. As teachers of the American government course as well as authors of the textbook, we understand and appreciate the intellectual investment that instructors have in the textbook that they have adopted. Instructors may not welcome the "opportunity" to upgrade to a new edition, which requires rereading the new book simply to learn about confusing changes that their students might encounter. We hope the following chapter-by-chapter summary of substantial changes and revisions will facilitate that transition.

Chapter 1: Freedom, Order, or Equality?

- New opening vignette on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the mandate to buy health insurance.
- Discussion of NATO strikes in Libya that toppled Ghadfi replaces one on U.N. action in Darfur
- Elaborated the discussion of "police power" to mesh with opening vignette.
- Feature Story on the Four Freedoms is now titled "What Do You Know about the Four Freedoms?" and the box ends with critical thinking questions to promote student understanding and reflection upon the material.
- New Politics of Global Change feature box "Globalization in the Classroom" plots the increase over time of foreign students studying in the United States and U.S. students studying abroad and concludes with critical thinking questions.

Chapter 2: Majoritarian or Pluralist Democracy?

- New opening vignette on "Occupy Wall Street" protestors and the Occupy movement.
- New Figure 2.3 Americans Divided over Whether America Is Divided (public perception of "haves" and "have nots" in the United States).
- Added example of "Arab Spring" revolutions in discussion of global trend toward

democracy.

- Added discussion of Sunni-Shiite religious conflict in Iraq following overthrow of Saddam Hussein
- New Compared with What? feature box "The Arab Spring Sows Seeds of Democracy."
- New Politics of Global Change feature box "Breaking Up Was the Easy Part" (on movements toward democracy in Russia, Ukraine, and Lithuania).

Chapter 3: The Constitution

- Revised and updated opening vignette on the path toward designing a constitution for the European Union.
- New Politics of Global Change feature box "The U.S. Constitution Loses Some of Its Charm" (on the declining influence of the U.S. Constitution on the constitutions of new nations).

Chapter 4: Federalism

• Updated opening vignette on the U.S. Supreme Court decision on Arizona's immigration law.

Chapter 5: Public Opinion and Political Socialization

- Revised opening vignette on public opinion regarding the death penalty.
- Revised and updated section on Political Knowledge includes new examples and studies on the public's perception of crime rates and spending for foreign aid.
- Feature Story "Sampling a Few, Predicting to Everyone" is retitled "What Do You Know about Polling?" and concludes with critical thinking questions on the role of polls in democratic government.
- New Politics of Global Change feature box "Worrying Less about Climate Change."
- New Compared with What? feature box "Capital Punishment Across the World."

Chapter 6: The Media

- New opening vignette on political candidates' use of new media and the question of the effect of new technology on journalism.
- Merged section "People, Government, and Communications" with section "The Development of the Mass Media in the United States.
- Added discussion of online newspapers and experiments with paywall systems.
- Added discussion of decline of news magazines.
- Added discussion of wireless technology and mobile devices.
- Noted example of government response to provision of classified information to Wikileaks.
- In discussion of online-only news ventures discussed aggregators and original reporting.
- Added discussion of FCC and regulation of the Internet, Internet Service Providers (ISPs), and emerging technologies.

- Added discussion of soft news and added term soft news to glossary.
- New Figure 6.5 Declining Trust in Accuracy and Objectivity of the Press.
- New Compared with What? feature box "Top 10 Countries for Penetration of 3G Mobile Devices."
- New Politics of Global Change feature box "The Global Rise of Citizen Journalists."

Chapter 7: Political Participation and Voting

- New opening vignette on "The Protester" as *Time* magazine's 2011 Person of the Year; noted Egyptian women's demonstration in revolution in Egypt during "Arab Spring."
- Added discussion of attempt to recall Wisconsin governor Scott Walker.
- Updated discussion of citizens' direct participation in government through referenda and initiatives.
- Added discussion of use of Internet and social media to improve citizen participation in government.
- Added discussion of "Rock the Vote" with illustration of Rock the Vote voter registration page.
- Updated to 2010 "The Growth of Electoral Democracy" in the Politics of Global Change feature box.
- Updated Compared with What? feature box "Voter Turnout in European and American Elections."

Chapter 8: Political Parties

- New opening vignette on the tea party as a nationwide movement but not a national organization.
- New reference to Americans Elect, the online effort to nominate a 2012 presidential ticket to be put on the ballot of all 50 states.
- Updated discussion of the Russian ballot using data from the 2011 parliamentary election.
- Elaborated explanation of the dynamics of our electoral system.
- Updated discussion of how the two parties reflected the values of freedom, order, and equality in their party platforms.
- Added a paragraph that critiques responsible party government in the context of divided government.
- Updated Figure 8.2: Party Candidates for the U.S. House in the 2012 Election.
- Updated Figure 8.3: Candidates and Parties in the 2012 Presidential Election.
- Updated Figure 8.4: Distribution of Party Identification, 1952-2012 and updated discussion of data in the figure.
- Updated Figure 8.5: Party Identification by Social Groups and updated discussion of data in the figure.
- Updated Figure 8.6: Ideologies of Party Voters and Party Delegates in 2012 and updated discussion of data in the figure.
- Updated Politics of Global Change feature box "Fewer Citizens Are Partying"; reported data on party membership for 19 European countries over time.

• Feature Story "The Wizard of Oz: A Political Fable is retitled "What Do You Know about "The Wizard of Oz"? and concludes with critical thinking questions.

Chapter 9: Nominations, Elections, and Campaigns

- Updated opening vignette to compare the 2010 British general election with the 2012 general election in the United States.
- Dropped Feature Story: Changes in the Presidential Nomination Process and incorporated the information into the text.
- Updated discussion of front-loading to accommodate the 2012 primary season.
- Updated discussion of 2012 Republican primary campaign.
- Updated discussion of impact of incumbency on presidential campaigns.
- Updated discussion of congressional elections for 2012.
- Updated discussion of financing the Republican primary campaign.
- Dropped discussion of "hard" and "soft" money in campaign finance and streamlined discussion of BCRA.
- Updated 2012 limits for individual campaign contributions.
- Expanded the discussion of *Citizens United* court case, introduced *SpeechNow.org v. FEC* and defined Super PACs, now discussed at length.
- Updated and streamlined discussion of public funding of presidential campaigns, including data on Super PACs and super bundlers.
- Added new information on microtargeting voters.
- Updated report on the outcome of the 2012 election.
- Updated discussion of presidential campaigning in swing states.
- Updated Figure 9.1, "From Many to Two: Presidential Hopefuls Starting and Dropping Out," with information on Republican presidential hopefuls' announcements and withdrawals.
- Updated Figure 9.2, "Population Shifts and Political Gains and Losses Since 1960" with new data for 2012.
- Updated Figure 9.4: "Effect of Party Identification on the Vote, 2012"
- Added new Figure 9.5, "Drifting Apart: Party Voting in the House of Representatives over Four Decades," and explained how divided government is incompatible with responsible party government.
- Updated Politics of Global Change feature box: "The Americanization of Campaigns."

Chapter 10: Interest Groups

- New opening vignette on Facebook and its Washington lobbyists.
- Updated discussion of former members of Congress as lobbyists, using example of former Connecticut Senator Christopher Dodd.
- Updated discussion of information campaigns using example of AT&T attempted takeover of T-Mobile.
- Added discussion of Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United* case and resultant formation of Super Pacs.
- New Figure 10.3 "The Lobbying Agenda Versus the Public's Agenda."

• New Politics of Global Change feature box: "New Meaning to the Term 'China Lobby.""

Chapter 11: Congress

- New opening vignette on results of 2010 Congressional elections and debate over government spending bill.
- Updated discussion of redistricting.
- Updated discussion of members' use of social media.
- Added discussion of cyberstalking and introduction of Stalkers Act in Congress.
- Combined sections "The Dance of Legislation: An Overview" and "Committees: The Workhorses of Congress" to create new section "The Lawmaking Process and the Importance of Committees."
- Added discussion of "supercommittee" the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction.
- Added discussion of increasing polarization and the difficulty in reaching compromises, even within parties.
- Revised discussion of filibustering to include explanation of "hold" and added term "hold" as a key term.
- Added discussion of ban on earmarks.
- Updated Compared with What? feature box: Women in Legislatures.
- New Politics of Global Change feature box: Creating a Legislature, focusing on democratic movements and parliamentary elections in Egypt and Tunisia.

Chapter 12: The Presidency

- New opening vignette on election day 11/6/12 and reflections on Obama's presidency.
- Revised section on presidential efforts to influence public opinion, now including example of former Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi.
- New Figure 2.2, "It All Goes Back to the Economy" tracking approval ratings of Bush and Obama and index of economic conditions, illustrating correlation between popularity and economic performance.
- New Politics of Global Change feature box: "Frequent Flyer," tracking number of days presidents (from Eisenhower through Obama) spent abroad.
- New Compared with What? feature box: "From Berlusconi to Bankruptcy: The Costs of Failed Leadership," discussing how Berlusconi's performance affected Italy's economy and its relation with the EU.

Chapter 13: The Bureaucracy

- New opening vignette on government regulation of Plan B, the "morning-after" contraceptive pill.
- Added discussion of party effect on the level and type of regulation.
- New Figure 13.3, "It Makes a Difference," illustrating the correlation between political party control of government and the performance of regulatory agencies.

- Revised and updated Compared with What? feature box, "Not So Big by Comparison," comparing the size of the U.S. government with that of other industrialized democracies.
- New Politics of Global Change feature box, "For Whom the Debt Tolls," on the crisis within the EU.

Chapter 14: The Courts

- Condensed discussion of judicial review of state and local government and merged with section "Judicial Review of the Other Branches."
- Added discussion of Supreme Court release of oral argument transcripts on the Court's website and on audio recordings.

Chapter 15: Order and Civil Liberties

- New opening vignette on controversy over whether the posting of a Christian prayer on the wall of a public high school violated the constitutional prohibition against establishment of religion.
- Converted Feature Story on Positive and Negative Rights to Table 15.1, "Examples of Positive and Negative Rights: Constitutional and Human Rights."
- New section, "Order Versus Free Speech: When Words Hurt," with example of Supreme Court's decision in *Snyder v. Phelps* upholding free expression rights of members of Westboro Baptist Church picketing funerals of military personnel.
- New section, "Equality and Free Speech," using example of Citizens United case.

Chapter 16: Equality and Civil Rights

- New opening vignette on affirmative action case and the debate over using race in admissions decisions, focusing on student Abigail Fisher and the University of Texas decision to deny her admission.
- Added information on 2012 Supreme Court decision on the Obama administration's health care law.
- Deleted section "Racial Violence and Black Nationalism."
- Added discussion of Court's 2012 ruling on Arizona's immigration law.
- Added discussion of revisions to the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Noted Obama's voiced opinion on same-sex marriage.
- Updated discussion of various states' decisions with regard to same-sex marriage.

Chapter 17: Economic Policy

This chapter now precedes Chapter 18, which now combines the explanation and discussion of policymaking with the material on domestic policies.

• New opening vignette discussing the growth of the national debt since 1936 and costs of paying it down.

- Added discussion of the "Austrian School" of economics and Friedrich Hayek, its leading theorist for contemporary politics.
- Added material describing how theories of Keynes and Hayek surfaced in the 2012 presidential campaign and enhanced discussion with an image from a ten-minute 2012 YouTube rap video presenting their clashing views from a libertarian perspective.
- Greatly condensed the section, "Three Decades of Budgetary Reform," reducing the discussion to one paragraph.
- Deleted references to "pay-go" restrictions on spending.
- Added discussion on calls for a balanced budget amendment.
- Added new paragraph on the politics of a national debt ceiling.
- Updated section on Warren Buffett's tax rate.
- Updated section comparing income inequality in the United States with that throughout the world.
- Feature Story on the Consumer Price Index is retitled "What Do You Know about the Consumer Price Index?" and concludes with critical thinking questions.
- Updated Figure 17.1, "Budget Deficits and Surpluses over Time" with data to FY 2013 and redrew figure to display deficits as percentages of GDP.
- Updated Figure 17.2 "Federal Spending in FY 2013 by Function" with new data.
- Updated Figure 17.3, "National Government Outlays over Time" with 2013 data.
- Updated Figure 17.4, "The Ups and Downs of Top National Tax Rates" to 2012.
- Updated Figure 17.5, "Distribution of Family Income over Time" using different data for 1967 and new data for 2010.
- Updated Politics of Global Change feature box, "We Buy More and We Borrow More," by adding data points for 2010 and 2011.
- Updated Compared With What? feature box "Tax Burdens in Thirty-Four Countries" with more recent data and data on four additional countries.

Chapter 18: Policymaking and Domestic Policy

This chapter combines the discussion of public policies and the policymaking process (from 11e Chapter 17, Policymaking) with the material on revised and updated discussion of domestic policies (from 11e Chapter 19 Domestic Policy)

- New opening vignette on designing and implementing public policies to meet people's basic needs without infringing on their personal freedom, using the example of the new health care law.
- Revised discussion of differing approaches to states' use of tax policies to address budgetary problems.
- New example of FDA and USDA regulatory actions on the production and marketing of food.
- Revised discussion of incremental policy formulation, using the example of Corporate Fuel Economy Standards.
- Revised discussion of policy implementation, using the example of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 in the case of 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

- Revised discussion of policy evaluation, using the example of the lap band used in weight loss surgery.
- Revised discussion of welfare reform, including a new paragraph on reauthorization of TANF.
- Revised discussion of health care reform, focusing on the debate over the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the individual mandate to purchase health insurance.
- New material on the Obama administration's policies on education reform, including Obama's "Blueprint for Reform" and the "Race to the Top" program.
- Added new discussion of the DREAM Act.
- Deleted section on the nonprofit sector.
- New Figure 18.7, "Absent Federal Action, States Take on Immigration Reform," illustrating state actions addressing illegal immigration.

Chapter 19: Global Policy

- New opening vignette on interdependence of American markets and overseas manufacturing, using example of Apple's iPhone manufactured in China.
- Revised and updated discussion of war in Afghanistan.
- Added discussion of Western allies cooperation on support for Libyan rebellion against Muammar Gaddafi.
- Added discussion of rising government debt in the world's market-oriented economies.
- New Figure 19.2, "An Unpopular War," illustrating declining public support of war in Afghanistan.
- New Compared with What? feature box, "Young and Unemployed," discussing youth unemployment in Greece, Spain, Portugal, and across the Euro-zone.
- New Politics of Global Change feature box, "Foreign Oil: A Bit Less Dependent," discussing and illustrating decline in U.S. oil consumption and import of oil from the Middle East and elsewhere.