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#### TOPIC CORRELATION CHART

Although the chapters of this book of readings have been organized to mesh with the coverage of most American government textbooks, many subjects receive attention in more than one chapter. The following chart permits students and instructors to locate relevant readings for twenty-seven subjects, ranging (in alphabetical order) from the bureaucracy to the Washington Establishment.

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(Behind the Times); 15.1 (The Lost Legacy)

**Bush Presidency** Covered in: 8.4 (Ten Days That Shook the White

> House); 15.1 (The Lost Legacy); 15.2 (After the Battle); 15.3 (Is the Gulf America's Business?)

Campaigns and Covered in: Chapter 7; 6.2 (Putting a Democrat in the Elections

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Bound After Close Calls at Polls)

Civil Liberties/ Covered in: Chapter 3; 1.5 (The Framers and

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Congress Covered in: Chapter 10; 2.4 (As the Reagan Era

> Fades); 7.2 (Congress and Campaign Money); 7.3 (News of the Congress by the Congress); 9.3

(Old-Breed/New-Breed Lobbying)

The Constitution Covered in: Chapter 1; 2.2 (McCulloch v. Maryland);

> 3.4 (Griswold v. Connecticut); 12.1 (Bureaucracy in the American Constitutional Order); 13.2 (Marbury v.

Madison)

Defense/Military Covered in: 8.3 (The Military vs. the Press); 8.4 (Ten

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**Domestic Policy** Covered in: Chapter 12; 2.3 (State Leadership for the

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and Political Demand for AIDS Drugs)

Foreign Policy Covered in: Chapter 15; 8.3 (The Military vs. the

Press); 8.4 (Ten Days That Shook the White House)

Covered in: 1.1 (A Reform Caucus in Action); 1.2 The Founding (An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution); 1.3 (An Age of Realism): 1.4 (The Federalist, Nos. 47, 48, and 51); 9.1 (The Federalist, No. 10); 13.1 (The Federalist. No. 78) Covered in: Chapter 9; 2.4 (As the Reagan Era **Interest Groups** Fades); 5.2 (The Power of One); 12.3 (The Fast Track: Federal Agencies and Political Demand for AIDS Drugs) Leadership Covered in: 1.1 (A Reform Caucus in Action); 1.3 (An Age of Realism); 2.3 (State Leadership for the Nation); 5.2 (The Power of One); 8.4 (Ten Days That Shook the White House); 10.5 (The Senate: If Everyone Leads, Who Follows?): 11.1 (The Power to Persuade); 11.2 (Myth of the Presidential Mandate) Mass Media Covered in: Chapter 8; 7.1 (Politicking Goes High-Tech); 7.3 (News of the Congress by the Congress) **Participation** Covered in: Chapter 5; 6.3 (Why Americans Hate Politics); 9.2 (The Changing Nature of Interest Group Politics); 9.5 (Old Money, New Power) Persian Gulf War Covered in: 8.3 (The Military vs. the Press); 8.4 (Ten Days That Shook the White House); 15.2 (After the Battle); 15.3 (Is the Gulf America's Business?)

Policymaking Process

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**Political Culture** 

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Political Ideology

Covered in: 1.2 (An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution); 6.3 (Why Americans Hate Politics)

**Political Parties** Covered in: Chapter 6; 5.1 (Electing Not To); 10.5 (The Senate: If Everyone Leads, Who Follows?) Presidency Covered in: (Chapter 11; 6.2 (Putting a Democrat in the White House); 8.4 (Ten Days That Shook the White House); 14.2 (Reagan's America: A Capital Offense) **Public Opinion** Covered in: Chapter 4; 6.3 (Why Americans Hate Politics); 7.1 (Politicking Goes High-Tech); 8.1 (Views on the News); 8.4 (Ten Days That Shook the White House); 14.1 (The "Issue-Attention Cycle") Reform Covered in: 1.1 (A Reform Caucus in Action); 7.2 (Congress and Campaign Money); 7.3 (News of the Congress by the Congress); 10.1 (In Defense of a Messy Congress); 10.2 (Congress-Bashing Through the Ages) Representation Covered in: 1.1 (A Reform Caucus in Action); 1.2 (An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution); 1.3 (An Age of Realism); 4.1 (They've Got Your Number); 9.1 (The Federalist, No. 10); 9.2 (The Changing Nature of Interest Group Politics); 9.5 (Old Money, New Power); 10.3 (What's He Like? What's She Like? What Are They Like?); 10.4 (Members Are Homeward Bound After Close Calls at Polls) Separation of Covered in: 1.1 (A Reform Caucus in Action); 1.4 Powers (The Federalist, Nos. 47, 48, and 51); 11.1 (The Power to Persuade); 12.1 (Bureaucracy in the American Constitutional Order) **Supreme Court** Covered in: Chapter 13; 1.5 (The Framers and and Judiciary Original Intent) Technology and Covered in: 4.1 (They've Got Your Number); 4.2 **Politics** (Polling and the Transformation of Public Opinion); 7.1 (Politicking Goes High-Tech); 7.3 (News of the Congress by the Congress); 9.3 (Old-Breed/New-Breed Lobbying) Washington

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9.3 (Old-Breed/New-Breed Lobbying); 9.4 (The
"Buying" of Public Policy); 10.4 (Members Are
Homeward Bound After Close Calls at Polls); 14.2
(Reagan's America: A Capital Offense); 14.3 (The
Great Banks Robbery); 14.4 (Behind the Times)

#### **PREFACE**

In the first edition of this book, we sought to combine classic and contemporary readings in a package that would be both accessible and challenging to American politics students. We strove to put together a collection offering readability, strong content, and attention to the reader's needs. In the second edition, we remain committed to assembling the best possible assortment of established and recent articles—pieces that will provide greater understanding of the complexities of American government.

Various factors influenced our choice of articles. First, we sought a combination of classics by authors such as John Roche and Richard Neustadt and contemporary pieces by analysts like Charles Peters and Kevin Phillips. Second, we looked for some highly readable selections that will not intimidate undergraduates; these include Hedrick Smith's "Old-Breed Lobbying, New-Breed Lobbying" and E. J. Dionne's "Why Americans Hate Politics." Third, we wanted articles that would encourage discussion, such as those by Herbert Hill and Shelby Steele on the merits of affirmative action. Fourth, we chose readings by writers with diverse backgrounds; these include political scientists (e.g., Richard Fenno and Robert Dahl), journalists (e.g., Albert Hunt and Janet Hook), and participants (e.g., Court of Appeals Judge Richard Posner and pollster Daniel Yankelovich).

The selections in *American Politics: Classic and Contemporary Readings*, Second Edition, are divided into fifteen chapters which correspond to the organization of most American government texts. Each chapter begins with an essay that sums up the themes of that chapter. A brief headnote introduces each selection, and summary questions afterwards help relate the reading to the larger themes of American politics.

The book includes two unusual, and useful, features. First, each selection is annotated so that difficult terms and historical references are clarified. Second, we have produced an extensive topic correlation chart, which provides a cross-reference for twenty-seven subjects, such as the Bush presidency and American political culture (see page xv). In addition, we reprint the entire texts of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

Complementing American Politics is an Instructor's Resource Manual with Test Items, again prepared by Professor Joel Paddock of Southwest Missouri State University. This manual contains selection summaries, suggestions for classroom use, and a set of multiple-choice and essay questions for each reading.

To the extent that this book meets our goals to offer a strong group of accessible readings, we give the reviewers substantial credit. Without exception, we received first-rate critiques of our proposed list of readings. We thank each of these reviewers:

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