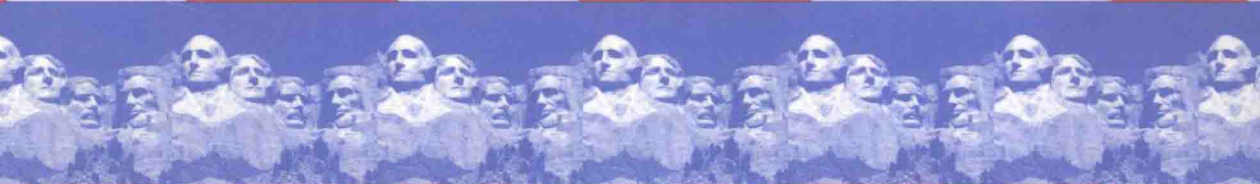
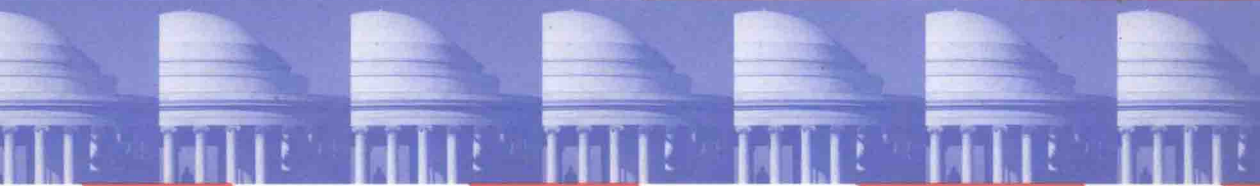


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# Preface

The readings contained in this volume are intended to enrich students' comprehension of the structure and operation of American government by providing a number of materials—articles, essays, and court cases—that illustrate the key concepts presented in the parallel chapter of the textbook. A headnote introducing each reading explains its significance and its precise relationship to the major concept presented in the core text.

The readings include classic pieces such as selections from major Federalist and Antifederalist writings and Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*, contemporary essays from important newspapers and magazines, and in a separate appendix, excerpts from major Supreme Court cases. By reprinting classic works in American government, we hope to acquaint students with some of the most profound thinking and writing on politics—thereby reinforcing the theoretical issues raised in the text. The contemporary essays are designed to provide students with lively and current illustrations of the phenomena and institutions discussed in the text; the court cases are selected for their importance in establishing the legal and institutional framework of American government. In every instance, we strongly urge students to read the headnote introducing each reading to gain an understanding of the significance of each piece and its relationship to the text, and to use the questions following each set of readings as an aid to studying the materials in both this reader and the text.

Also of note are “Debating the Issues: Opposing Views” essays, which appear in each chapter. The essays center on the topics introduced in the “Debating the Issues” boxes in the corresponding chapter in the text. Offering opposing views, the essays will help students think critically about important issues in American politics.

We encourage students to review and ponder the readings and cases in conjunction with the text and to use them as a learning tool. We are confident that these materials will assist students in learning more about issues of freedom and power in American government.

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