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### **Nouf says**

One of the greatest books that help you to understand politics, I 've never finished it although I always use it as my reference book when I was taking my course in political science. It's really HELPFUL ..LOVE IT :)

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### **Aqwer says**

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### **Lia says**

This was the first political science textbook I read in my first year as a Political Science student and I do have to say that it's not a very good one.

Heywood, as an author, is too wordy and tends to ramble and drag out a subject when a quick summary would have done. This, for me, is a great sin, especially when you're writing a textbook. Look, we all know that reference books are boring as hell, but when the author likes to ramble and is unable to express his ideas in clear, concise sentences then we have a problem.

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### **Pooja Banga says**

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### **Nick says**

I found couple mistakes.First big one-"Serbs occupy Kosovo 1999". How can be possible when Kosovo was a part of Serbia in 1999.How can one country occupy their own territory.For me (graduated political scientist)this book is shallow,weak ...I am not sure book was a part of any academic program.

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### **Abdifatah says**

The most interesting parts for me were the sections on ideologies, it works as a sort of primer for debates

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you're likely to see when embarking on some sort of political understanding. So in that sense what you gain from this is a framing for political issues through the presentation of varying opinions on a wide range of phenomena. Yet still most of the discussion circles around very mainstream discourse, which is the book's chief flaw, for instance; there's no mention of sortition democracy outside of half a sentence on the Athenian executive body. I think this misses out a serious part of the conversation on democracy because the implications of the various instantiations of a sortition representation system are far reaching and have the benefit of overcoming a variety of flaws in current representative liberal democracy.

If the book had a subtitle it should be 'an introduction' since its method of approach is dealing with topics at the level of appearance. It does however warrant re-readings and it's easy to forget in which way the various fields developed interconnect. Overall I can't say it made any great errors and I'm not sure if you'll find anything that succeeds any more in the realm of impartiality.

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### Mustafa Aqeli says

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### Salo kaladze says

One word-horrible

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### Marc Chéhab says

Some people here complain about the writing style of Heywood, which I don't see. As a textbook it may be boring, so if your professor made you go through it cover to cover, that's her or his fault and that way this book will kill you!

During my BA and MA I used it more as a first introductory step to research or writing essays. That way you don't forget anything. So an essay on, e.g., federalism, I'd read the chapter on decentralisation (and only that) and then take it from there.

So I use it more as a work of reference. I'll be honest. Long after my Master's degree I still often go back to this book. Not only to get the basics right, but to get back to basics. Because -- let's be honest -- political science isn't exactly rocket science and the field hasn't developed many irrefutable key insights that it takes superior intelligence to grasp.

If you could split political science into on the one hand political philosophy and classical scholarship, and on the other hand the behaviourist science-y stuff, I feel this book is more of the former and gives the latter its deserved (read 'small') space.

So, as a work of reference, wonderful.

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## **Elie says**

This was a slog. Thorough, to be sure, but I had to put it down because I literally could not keep my eyes open on numerous occasions. Plus it is full of typos and other errors. All told - a frustrating read and I wouldn't recommend it, there must be other good introductory politics textbooks out there.

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## **Lynn Beyrouthy says**

This was the textbook we used during my introduction to political science class in fall 2014, and even though the writing style of Heywood is boring, it was never required of a university textbook to be 'satisfying' from a stylistic point of view.

I will definitely come back to this book on various occasions in the years to come, if you're interested in politics this is a good introductory guide.

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