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All you need to know about elections, politics, and government!

Too often, textbooks turn the noteworthy details of government into tedious discourse that would put even the president to sleep. *American Government 101* cuts out the boring explanations, and instead provides a hands-on lesson that keeps you engaged as you learn. From the backstory of the Constitution to the institution of the Electoral College, this primer is packed with hundreds of entertaining tidbits and concepts to help you learn about how the government of the United States actually works.

So whether you want to learn about how policies and laws are created, or just want to become a better-informed voter, *American Government 101* has all the answers--even the ones you didn't know you were looking for.

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Tom Hanlon says

A quick easy read if you want to dust off some civic knowledge.

Siamak Attarian says

As a "101" book, it was good enough. Starts with a little bit of history of the U.S and then briefly discusses constitution and branches of (mostly) Federal and (slightly) state governments. It only gives you a broad overview of the whole american government, but doesn't get into details of each part.

LynnDee (The Library Lush) says

This isn't anything to write home about but if you're wanting a refresher on American government & how it works that's not super dense then I'd say give this one a go.

Heather says

Covering many aspects of government in America, American Government 101 focuses mostly on the federal government, but does cover state and local governments. It's an excellent overview for anyone who wants to understand how government works (or doesn't as the case may be) and why certain things happen. I recommend this book to anyone interested in political science.

Bookworm says

What it says on the tin. Not long after the 2016 election I saw this book bandied about as a good primer/refresher and I finally got around to reading it after my library added it to the collection. I was surprised to see how small and thin it was but then again it is a 101 textbook as indicated on the cover.

The standard items are covered: a brief history of how the US came to be, the government, their branches and functions, the role of stuff like the media, what is involved in the election process at the presidential level, a look at state and local governments, etc. Each section is a few pages long at most and is a basic overview of what the US government looks like. Don't expect an in-depth look at any one topic or issue.

That's really it. While I'm familiar with a lot I still found it to be a useful refresher and I did learn some things/re-learn things that I have long forgotten, etc. I also liked how it covers from the presidential to city-level government structures. Quite frankly, I'd really love to toss out a book like this to various people who scream on the internet and clearly, CLEARLY do not understand how the US government runs/the structure,

etc.

As a negative I wish the book had given additional resources/bibliography in addition to the index. This is not a huge detriment, though.

Glad I read it and ultimately do feel it does fulfill what it sets out to do but also felt it was best as a library borrow. Would make for a basic primer as an introduction (but you'll likely need more) for someone who is completely unfamiliar with the US government (like say someone who is looking to become a citizen) and/or needs a refresher. As an aside this might be handy for someone who intends to run for office and I'd recommend 'Run for Something' as a complimentary read if elected office is something you're interested in pursuing.

Carla says

Good and straightforward crash course in government.
