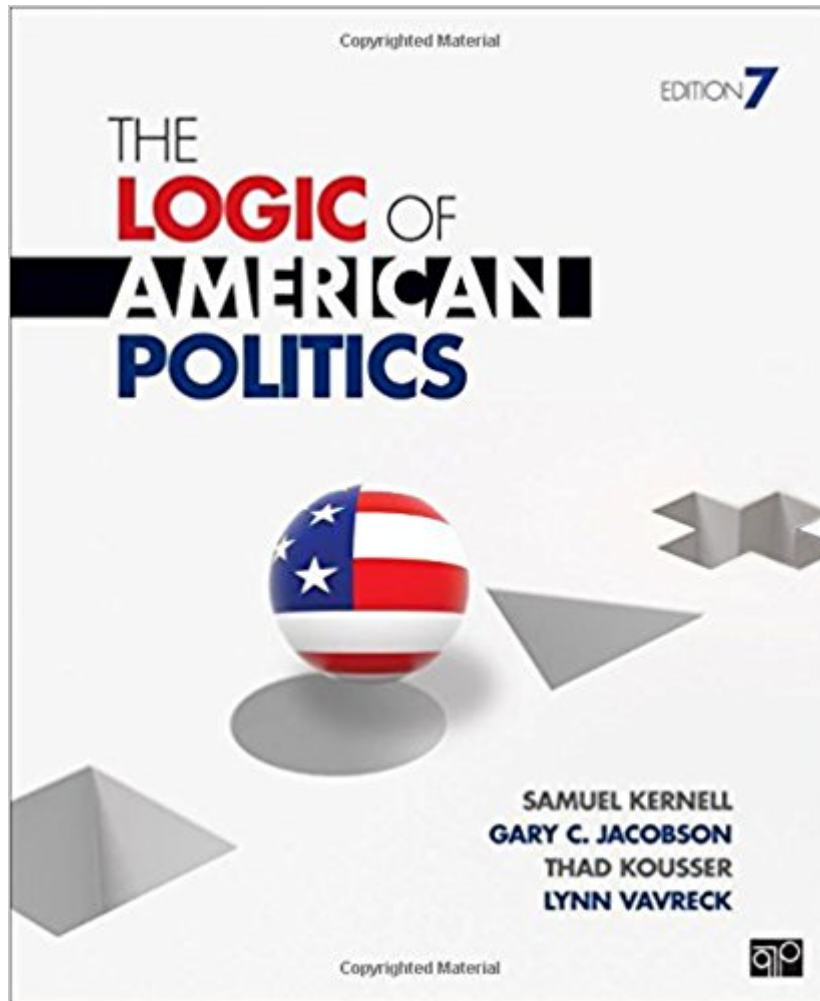




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I bought this textbook to study up on the workings of politics especially in this current state of affairs. The book was in almost like new shape just as stated. I appreciated that. This book is very detailed as it should be for college level and I am having a great time reviewing my old college days. A lot has changed for this 64 year granny since my college days!

It's a good, clear, easy-to-read textbook with lots of color graphs and charts. It's well organized and is a good introduction to American government structures and politics. The only complaint is that while the glossary is pretty good, there are words that were not defined such as "incumbent" that while it should be common knowledge, it would help to have a callout definition in the sidebar or something. Also, the paper stock is a little thin, so for older eyes, it's harder to focus on the words in dim light because some of what's on the next page is visible. Fix those two things, and you'll have a great textbook. Of course, there are a lot of assumptions that held up for 250 years that will need some serious editing thanks to the 2016 election.

GREAT book! Used it for my course at Clark State Community College, Springfield, Ohio.

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