

## Introduction to Political Science OpenStax Text Book

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Introduction to Political Science is a great entry-level textbook that covers the important major topics in political science today. It is a great intro text for any student who has no experience or exposure to political science.

It has a global focus and book has excellent examples from across different country and cultural contexts. While designed for a US audience, the textbook does a fantastic job of using examples from different regions, cultures, and countries to illustrate the different political examples. While there are multiple references to the US throughout the book, which makes it accessible to an audience who is just being exposed to political science concepts, it also does an incredibly fair and accurate presentation of culturally diverse content across subject areas.

The book has a great mix of video, text, and images and is clearly organized both within chapters, sub-chapters, and as a textbook as a whole. The online version of this text is fantastic in terms of the layout and accessibility of the different content modules. The modules are broken up in a way that makes sense, is logical, and also can stand alone. Students are so impressed with the real-world examples of this textbook, and the fact that it was published in 2022 makes it a great resource that is highly relevant to the contemporary world. I think this content will be relevant for the next 5 years or so, but beyond that, the examples might be too specific to resonate with students.

There are a few content areas that could be strengthened for this textbook. There is not an in-depth discussion of regime change or the factors that cause democracies to rise or fall. The textbook also doesn't delve into the reasons why individuals support authoritarian regimes, how they are strengthened, or how they collapse. There is also very little discussion regarding political violence and its implications for political participation, democratic citizenship, or regime change.