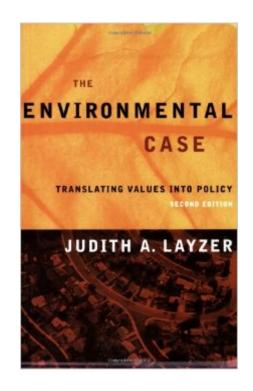
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Synopsis

The Environmental Case gives readers a unique, first-hand feel for some of the most interesting and illuminating controversies in U.S. environmental policymaking--including the disaster at Love Canal, the dispute over snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park, and the global warming debate. Through 16 carefully constructed cases, Layzer covers the spectrum of environmental issues, from habitat conservation, air and water pollution, and overfishing to environmental justice and urban growth management. Each case elucidates various aspects of the U.S. political system but is also linked to the others by two main themes: environmental conflicts are, at heart, conflicts between advocates with fundamentally different values, and the way problems are framed in politics plays a central role in shaping how those values get translated into policies. This second edition showcases all 12 of the original cases, thoroughly revised and updated. In addition, Layzer has added four new cases: Community activism propels the Dudley Street Neighborhood Association to fight for environmental justice and equitable redevelopment of a once-distressed area in the heart of Boston. The use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park divides environmentalists into bitterly opposing camps: those who regard parks as playgrounds and support unlimited motorized access, and those who advocate more conservative management that emphasizes protection of the park's flora, fauna, and guiet serenity. In the tuna/dolphin and shrimp/turtle disputes, competing advocates debate whether U.S. environmental protection measures constitute non-tariff barriers to trade and, more broadly, whether trade liberalization is good for the environment. Opponents of growth management campaign to undermine the city of Portland's strict policies curbing urban sprawl, the most stringent in the nation. Layzer provides maps, tables, figures, questions to consider, recommended readings, and useful websites to help readers think critically and actively about the issues raised in each case and facilitate further research.

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Customer Reviews

The cases are much more interesting than the accompanying book about Environmental policy. I found it slightly wordy and left-leaning, which I expected, but the content is good. It might benefit by offering more about the other side. I am an environmentalist and agree with all the points they make, but I feel like I would benefit most by learning about a perspective that I don't relate to as well. You have to know the opposition if you want to be equipped to fight them.good read... a little lengthy, but makes for great discussion in class (if students actually read, which the length definitely limits -30 small font pg chapters-)

Very well written account of key historical events. Not a dry account either, very interesting.

I was pleased to recieve my book in two days, its in good shape, and the previous owner did a good job underlining the major points with notes added in the margins that are helpful to me. Its better than having a new book.

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