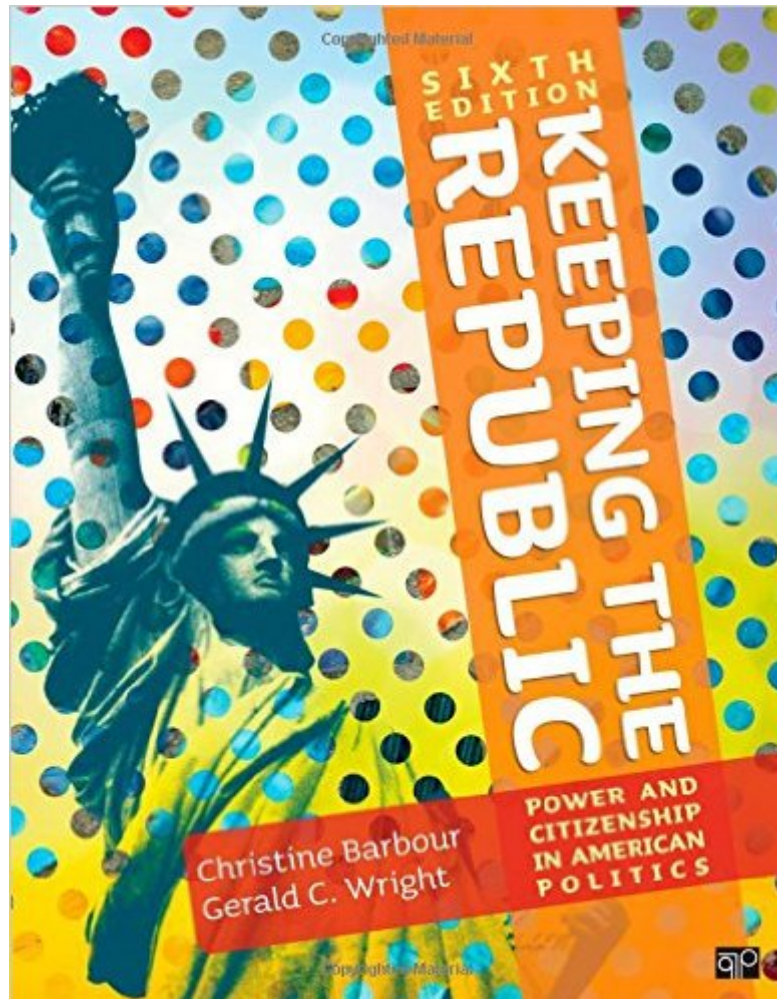


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# Keeping The Republic: Power And Citizenship In American Politics



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The power of critical thinking and interactivity artfully weaving in the analytic theme of power and the evaluative theme of citizenship, Barbour and Wright deftly draw students into thinking critically about how and why institutions and rules determine who wins and who loses in American politics. At the core of *Keeping the Republic* is an engaging discussion of 'who gets what and how,' is the objective of helping students become actively engaged, critical thinkers. Each section and every feature in the book has one goal in mind: to get students to think analytically and be skeptical of received wisdom. It doesn't matter how students get their news and information—whether from a popular blog or a traditional media outlet—Barbour and Wright give students the tools they need to be thoughtful, savvy consumers of political information and data. With the publication of the sixth edition, *Keeping the Republic* is now a full-fledged, integrated Media Edition. When students purchase a new print copy of the book they receive FREE access to an enhanced ebook. Through a series of icons, students link to multimedia assets—including audio, video, data, articles, reference, and CQ Researcher reports—right where it matters most: on the exact page where a topic is discussed. Students can immediately take a deeper dive and explore an important concept or idea while reading. Instructors will appreciate that assessment is built into the functionality of the ebook. Students take chapter quizzes and work through *CLUES to Critical Thinking* questions with all quiz results and answers feeding an instructor gradebook to efficiently track participation and comprehension. It's an enhanced, enriching, and interactive learning experience. By introducing students to the seminal work in the field, showing them how to employ the themes of power and citizenship, and taking full advantage of what multimedia can add to the learning experience, this proven text builds confidence in students who want to take an active part in their communities and government—to play their part in keeping the republic.

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I have this book for a poli sci class I'm taking in Uni. It gives a good overview of things, attempts to be unbiased. Still, how far into depth it goes into things makes me think it's for high school or middle school... As in, it doesn't seem to elaborate or go into detail on a lot of subjects. With that in mind - it does read easy.

This book is so biased to the political "left" I can't finish it. It is not a factual layout of our government but riddled with opinions such as anti-abortionists are religious extremists, and the Tea Party is like a militia group or Tim McVeigh. The gross exaggerations make it unacceptable as a textbook.

This is an excellent book on the basics of American political system. The writing is clear and the chapters are well organized. I'm very glad my teacher used this book for my political science class. This book was for a basic Political science class that I took at my local community college (American River College, Political Science 301).

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counter-weight of conservative writing. This will provide a balanced and full view of politics and government. You'll find yourself see the viewpoint of "liberals" and also see the flaws in the "conservative" side as well as the "liberal" side. You are then better able to construct a more reasonable and cognitive approach to this part of history. Basically, you aren't drinking kool-aid and are actually thinking. For those on the "liberal" side or who don't follow either side, you are stuck with an imperfect and very flawed view of American government. I recommend you find a conservative style book to counterbalance this form of indoctrination. You want to be able to think for yourself and not be led into a forced thought. This book would have been better had the author been honest with the reader and not provided biased opinions passed as fact. This book is simply a propaganda piece with a design for indoctrination of the author's views. I can emphasize how sad it is that this book with so much potential fails. I would suspect positive reviews come from those espousing the same views and not from an honest review of the book. To sum, this book works with a good counterbalance, otherwise it is a failure and does more harm than educate.

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