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Health Care Policy and Practice Cynthia D. Moniz 2014-01-10 In Health Care Policy and Practice: A Biopsychosocial Perspective, Moniz and Gorin have updated their text to incorporate health care reform. They explain how policymakers can use research on students through the development of the American health care system; what it is, what the policies are, and how students can influence them. The first section focuses on recent history and reforms during the Obama Administration to describe the health care system; section two examines the system’s structure and policies; and the third section explores policy analysis and advocacy, and disparities in health based on demographics. Jacobs and Skocpol conclude the new edition with a discussion of the impact of social factors on health and health status. The new edition incorporates the CSHPE EPAS competencies; it is for social work courses in health care, health care policy, and health care reform and American politics.

Lawrence R. Jacobs 2016-01-14 The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act signed by President Obama in March 2010 is a landmark in U.S. social legislation, and the Supreme Court's recent decision upholding the Act has ensured that it will remain the law of the land. The new law extends health insurance to nearly all Americans, fulfilling a century-long quest and bringing the United States to parity with other industrial nations. Affordable Care aims to control rapidly rising health care costs and promises to make the United States more equal, reversing four decades of rising disparities between the very rich and everyone else. Millions of people of modest means will gain new benefits and protections from insurance company abuses — and the tab will be paid by privileged corporations and the very rich. How did such a bold reform effort pass in a polity where majorities are formed by special interests? What does Affordable Care mean — and what comes next? In this updated edition of Health Care Reform and American Politics: What Everyone Needs to Know®, Lawrence J. Jacobs and Theda Skocpol — two of the nation’s leading experts on health care policy — provide a concise and accessible overview. They explain the political battles of 2009 and 2010, highlighting White House strategies, the deals Democrats cut with interest groups, and the impact of agitation by Tea Partiers and progressives. Jacobs and Skocpol spell out what the new law can do for everyday Americans, what it will cost, and who will pay. In a new section, they also analyze the impact the Supreme Court ruling that upheld the Act. Does the Act fulfill a century-long quest and bring the United States to parity with other industrial nations?

Theda Skocpol 2011-06-24 The Transformation of American Politics Paul Pierson 2011-06-27 The contemporary American political landscape has been marked by two paradoxical transformations: the emergence of coalitions after the long cold war, and the rise of an assertive and politically powerful conservatism that strongly opposes activist government. Leading young scholars take up these issues in The Transformation of American Politics. Arguing that even conservative administrations have become more deeply involved in managing our economy and social choices, they examine why our political system nevertheless has grown divided as never before over the extent to which government should or should not resolve itself in our lives. The contributors show how these two closely linked trends have influenced the reform and running of political institutions, patterns of civic engagement, and capacities for partisan mobilization—and fueled ever-higher discord and conflict. These transformations not only redefined who participates in American politics and how they do so, but altered the substance of political conflicts and the capacities of rival interest groups to succeed. Representing both an important analysis of American politics and an innovative contribution to the study of long-term political change, this pioneering volume reveals how partisan discourse and the relationship between citizens and their government have been redrawn and complicated by increased government programs. The contributors are Andrea Louise Campbell, Jacob S. Hacker, Nolan McCarty, Suzanne Mettler, Paul Pierson, Theda Skocpol, Mark A. Smith, Steven M. Teles, and Julian E. Zelizer.

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The Tea Party and the Remaking of Republican Conservatism Theda Skocpol 2016 In this penetrating new study, Skocpol of Harvard University, one of today's leading political scientists, and co-author Williamson go beyond the inevitable photos of protesters in tricorn hats and knee breeches to provide a nuanced portrait of the Tea Party. What they find is sometimes surprising. Reaching for a New Deal Theda Skocpol 2011-06-24 During his winning presidential campaign, Barack Obama promised...
to counter rising economic inequality and revitalize America’s middle-class through a series of wide-ranging reforms. The reforms include ensuring affordable healthcare; reform the nation’s schools and make college more affordable; promote clean and renewable energy; reform labor laws and immigration; and racial interests and by addressing the insurmountable problems of affordable care for low-income citizens. The Wall Street crisis and economic downturn that erupted as Obama took office also put U.S. financial regulation on the agenda. By the middle of President Obama’s first term in office, he had succeeded in advancing reforms that were aimed at reining in Wall Street abuses by imposing new administrative means. But a sluggish economic recovery from the deep recession of 2009, accompanied by polarized politics and governmental deadlock in Washington, led to increased concerns about the nation’s economic well-being, and efforts to reform America’s broken health-care system.

Critical

Michael T. Hayes 2002-03-31

Michael Hayes offers a vigorous defense of incrementalism: the theory that the policymaking process typically should involve bargaining, delay, compromise, and the establishment of a permanent system of governmental policy. The book concludes with examinations of three areas—energy, immigration, and taxes—where Obama’s efforts at legislative compromises made little headway. Reducing energy dependence requires long-term planning, and Obama has used administrative action to further reforms in schools and labor law. The book offers invaluable lessons about unfolding political transformations in the United States.

The Limits of Policy Change

Michael T. Hayes 2002-03-31

The Limits of Policy Change explores the theory of incrementalism and analyzes case studies to show that the incremental process works best when it conforms to the tenets of incrementalism. He contends that because humans are fallible, politics should work through social processes to achieve limited ends and to ameliorate—rather than completely solve—social problems. Analyzing the evolution of air pollution policy, the failure of President Clinton’s health-care reform in 1994, and the successful effort at welfare reform in 1995–96, Hayes calls for changes that would make incrementalism work better by encouraging a more balanced struggle among interest groups and rethinking regulatory requirements to conform to the rule of law. Written for students and specialists in politics, public policy, and public administration, The Limits of Policy Change examines in detail the incremental process in depth and in detail.

Upending American Politics

Gary Orfield, Ann Shola Orloff, Jill Quadagno, Theda Skocpol, Caroline Tervo, and their contributors use organizational documents, interviews, and local visits to probe changing organizational configurations at the national level and in swing states. This volume analyzes conservative politics in the first section and progressive responses in the second to provide a clear overview of US politics as a whole. By highlighting evidence from the state level, it also reveals the dynamics of state and local politics that contributed to the victory of Donald Trump eight years later. Because both presidents were unusual and gained office backed by Congresses controlled by their own parties, their political climates differ. The Tea Party starting in 2009 and the “resistance” after November 2016 transformed America’s political landscape. Upending American Politics offers a fresh perspective on recent upheavals, tracking the emergence and spread of local voluntary interest groups, conservativism, and grassroots politics. The book concludes with examinations of elite advocacy organizations and consortia of wealthy donors, and the impact of popular and elite efforts on the two major political parties and candidate-led political campaigns. It will be of interest to political scientists, Theda Skocpol, Caroline Tervo, and their contributors to this volume argue that America is ready for a better life.

The Politics of Social Policy in the United States

Margaret Weir 2020-12-08

Upending American Politics places the welfare debates of the 1980s in the context of past patterns of U.S. policy, such as the Social Security Act of 1935, the failure of efforts in the 1940s to extend national social benefits and economic security, and the backlashes against “big government” that followed reforms of the 1960s and early 1970s. Historical analysis reveals that certain social policies have flourished in the United States: those that have appealed simultaneously to middle-class and lower-income people, while not involving direct bureaucratic interventions into local communities. The editors suggest how new family and employment policies, devised along these lines, might revitalize broad political coalitions and forge a stronger national future. The book’s contributors are Edwin Amenta, Robert Apollo, Mary Jo Bane, Kenneth Finegold, John Miles, Kathryn Neckerman, Gary Orfield, Ann Shola Orloff, Jill Quadagno, Theda Skocpol, Caroline Tervo, Beth Stevens, Margaret Weir, and William Julius Wilson.

Debates on U.S. Health Care

Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld 2012-09-06

This issues-based reference work (available in both print and electronic formats) shines a spotlight on the health care policy debates raging across the United States. Impassioned debates about the best solutions to health care in America have perennially erupted among politicians, scholars of public policy, medical professionals, and public opinion leaders. The book covers major events over the Health Care Reform Act of 2010 brought to light a multitude of fears, challenges, obstacles, and passions that often had the effect of complicating rather than
clarifying the debate. The discourse has never been more heated. The complex issues that animate the health care debate are nothing new in American politics, nor in American history. The exigencies of the present system with regard to economic, fiscal, and monetary policy, especially as they relate to philosophical, often ideologically driven approaches to the problem. Americans have had to examine their ideas about the relationship of the individual to and interaction with the state and the varied social and cultural beliefs about what an American solution to the problem of health care looks like. In light of this, students, researchers, and other interested readers informed up-to-date on the issues surrounding health care in the U.S., this volume uses introductory essays followed by print and web-based resources such as Fedstats, the National Center for Health Statistics, and the National Coalition on Healthcare, providing readers with views on multiple sides of this complex issue. Features & Benefits: The volume is divided into three sections, each with its own Section Editor: Quality of Care Debates (Drs. Mark Zizza), and Political, Philosophical, & Legal Debates (Prof. Wendy Parmet). Sections open with a Preface by the Section Editor to introduce the broad themes addressed and provide his/hers unique perspectives. Each Section holds 12 chapters addressing varied aspects of the broad theme of the section. Chapters open with an objective, lead-in piece (or "headnote") followed by a point article and a counterpoint article. All pieces (point articles, counterpoint articles, letters to the editor) are signed. For each chapter, students are referred to further readings, data sources, and other resources as a jumping-off spot for further research and more in-depth exploration of the various aspects of health care reform. 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The Missing Middle Theda Skocpol 2000 The author of Boomerang: Health Care Reform and the Turn Against Government, chaplain of change to American social policy and its ramifications in terms of average working families. Reprint.

Unaffordable Jonathan Engel 2013-02-20 Written for non-economists, this is a brisk and engaging history of the American healthcare system from the advent of Medicare and Medicaid in the 1960s to the impact of the Affordable Care Act in the 2010s. Covering topics as varied as health insurance, pharmaceutical pricing, governmentphysicians, medical ethics, and healthcare in other countries, it explains how healthcare in the United States has been organized, managed, delivered, and paid for.

The Political Life of Medicare Volkan Yilmaz 2017-06-21 This book explores the transformation in the healthcare system in Turkey since 2003, which has been portrayed as a benchmark for building universal healthcare systems in emerging market economies. Focussing on political tactics and an researched developing country context, it fills a significant lacuna in existing scholarship. This study answers these questions: What were the political dynamics that enabled the introduction of health reform in Turkey? What political conflicts did the reform generate? How and to whose benefit have these conflicts been resolved? Drawing on qualitative interviews with a diverse set of actors, Yilmaz explores the actors’ subjective interpretations of political reform and strategies they used to influence the reform, and the changing healthcare politics scene. He demonstrates that the reform has been a complex political process within which actors can determine whether healthcare remains a citizenship right or a commodity. This book will appeal to students and scholars of policy, politics, health policy, public health and sociology.


Inequality and American Democracy Lawrence R. Jacobs 2002 The US's pre-eminence in the post World War II era ended some of its most flagrant inequalities. The "rights revolution" ended statutory prohibitions against women's suffrage and opened the doors of voting booths to African Americans. Yet a more insidious form of inequality--which appears to have stalled and, in some arenas, reversed progress toward realizing American ideals of democracy. In Inequality and American Democracy, Jacobs and Skocpol headline a distinguished group of political scientists in assessing whether rising economic inequality now threatens hard-won victories in the long struggle to achieve political equality in the United States. Inequality and American Democracy addresses disparities at all levels of the political and policy-making process. Kay Lehman Scholzman, Benjamin Page, Sidney Verba, and Morris Fiorina demonstrate that political participation is highly unequal and strongly related to social class. Economic insecurity and the decreasing reliance on volunteers in political campaigns serve to diminish their voice, middle class and working Americans lag behind the rich even in protecting their personal health and safety, which is their fundamental purpose and structure. Revealing how Medicare politics and policies have developed since Medicare's enactment in 1965 and what the program's future holds, Oberlander's timely and accessible analysis will interest anyone concerned with American politics and public policy, health care politics, aging, and the welfare state.

Issues in American Politics John Dumbrell 2013-08-21 Issues in American Politics is an informed and erudite look at the current state of the American healthcare system from former Governor Richard D. Lamm and political economist Andy Schotz. This book offers a wide-ranging discussion of issues surrounding the US healthcare system, from the Boomer generation bankrupt our healthcare services? What does the impending healthcare reform mean for the nation? Does the US still have the best healthcare system in the world? Inequality and American Democracy

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Diminished Democracy Theda Skocpol 2003 Pundits and social observers have voiced alarm each year as fewer Americans involve themselves in voluntary organizations that meet regularly. The numbers of nonprofit groups have been launched in recent times, but most are run by professionals who lobby Congress or deliver social services to clients. What will happen to U.S. democracy if participatory groups and social movements wither, while civic involvement becomes a matter of job-requirement rather than every citizen's right and duty? In Diminished Democracy, Theda Skocpol shows that this decline in public involvement has not always been the case in this country--and how, by understanding the causes of this change, we might reverse it.

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cultural changes on voluntary associations and civic participation.

Social Policy in the United States  Theda Skocpol
2020-06-23 Health care, welfare, Social Security, employment programs—all are part of ongoing national debates about the future of social policy in the United States. In this wide-ranging collection of essays, Theda Skocpol shows how historical understanding, centered on governmental institutions and political alliances, can illuminate the limits and possibilities of American social policymaking both past and present. Skocpol dispels the myth that Americans are inherently hostile to social spending and suggests why President Clinton's health care agenda was so quickly attacked despite the support of most Americans for his goals.

Bringing the State Back In Social Science Research Council (U.S.). Committee on States and Social Structures 1985-09-13 Papers from a conference held at Mount Kisco, N.Y., Feb. 1982, sponsored by the Committee on States and Social Structures, the Joint Committee on Latin American Studies, and the Joint Committee on Western European Studies of the Social Science Research Council. Includes bibliographies and index.

Protecting Soldiers and Mothers  Theda Skocpol 2009-06-30