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linhtalinhtinh says

Concise, clear, quite objective, fits perfectly what I need. Recommend for complete beginners (like me)

Maddie says

My rating of this book should not be taken too seriously. I am a junior in high school so this book was pretty hard for me to follow and enjoy. I think it is one that describes politics well but one that will take a lot of concentration to fully understand.

Mayim de Vries says

Very good as an auxiliary textbook for an undergrad class, especially when combined with Cases in Comparative Politics.

Brooke says

Excellent resource for anyone interested in comparative politics. O'Neil breaks everything down in a simple and straightforward way; somehow he makes the complex and varying nature of democratic elections sound simple. I thought I'd never understand proportional representation in all its (many, many) forms until I began to read this.

The "readings" book that oftentimes accompanies this one is wonderful too. Duverger's theory regarding SMDs is included as an essay - a "must know" for any poli sci scholar.

This book sparked an interest in comparative politics for me and I've since gone on to study these topics in much greater detail, with a firm grasp on the fundamentals thanks to O'Neil.

John says

Among the better introductory texts. Organized more or less thematically, but in a somewhat less abstract way than other thematic intro texts. I found it quite clear, and written at a level appropriate to first-year college students.

Hakija says

One of the best books that I have read on international politics. Great book for students (starters) that need some basic understanding of international politics.

Chabely Valera suarez says

Great book. I understood fully the difference between ideologies/attitudes and political systems around the world. Thorough yet brief.
