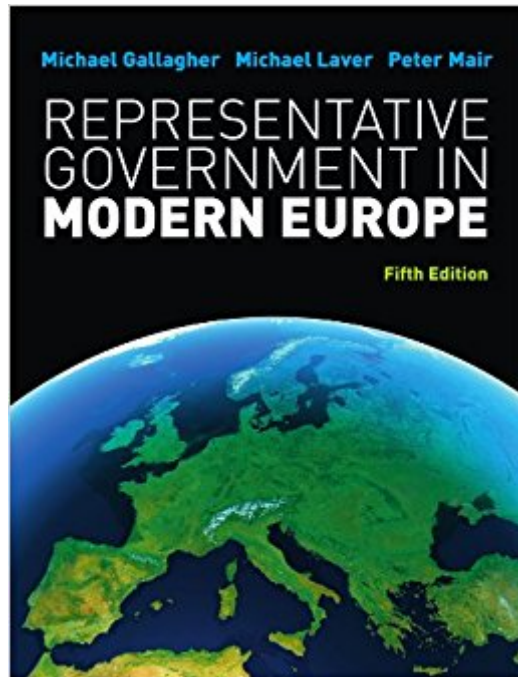




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Good , except pages 77-100 is missing. Haven't seen that before...

This Textbook was organized clearly, had great explanations for its topics, the chapters seemed to flow and connect smoothly with each other (in order), and had useful information.

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This is one of the better textbooks about European politics.

The book is standard reading. Not too difficult to understand but a bit dry. Nothing out of the ordinary. Typical for college material

I actually never received my book. maybe it got lost in the mail or something but being a student I haven't really had much time to figure out what happened.

I used the first edition of this textbook as an undergraduate and I have assigned the third and fourth edition to my students now that I'm a professor. As a student, I found the book challenging, but very useful. I continued to use it as a reference in graduate school. My students do not have warm feelings about this book because it doesn't have the kind of features intro-level textbooks include to make studying easier. Compared to a standard textbook, this book is very challenging to read. What I like about the book is that it provides an excellent overview of the institutionalist literature on modern Europe. It's more like a thorough, book-length scholarly literature review than a textbook. Compared to scholarly literature, this book is very readable. For example, as an undergraduate student, I was assigned to read Lipset and Rokkan (1967). I understood about 5% of what I read. Gallagher, Laver, and Mair summarize Lipset and Rokkan (1967) in their chapter on social cleavages and political parties in a way that is 1000% more readable and understandable. From the perspective of my undergraduate students, that chapter is "too hard", but I know that the original scholarly version of those ideas is much, much more difficult to understand.

Had to get this book for class. It was easy to read and had lots of examples. The authors are clear when explaining the similarities and differences of the systems in different European countries. I loved having the grey reference boxes that compared different countries in regards to an issue or feature of governing. I thought the organization of the chapters was sometimes a bit strange, making it hard to flip through and look for specific information (and the index isn't super helpful). It worked very well, on the other hand, when I just read a chapter straight through. All in all one of the better textbooks I have had, and it taught me a lot without strain.

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