

International Politics On The World Stage, Brief 8th Edition



Synopsis

This concise text provides students and instructors with a comprehensive overview of world politics, inviting them in a straightforward and accessible way to explore international relations and its new challenges. A hallmark of the text is the authors' position that politics affect the lives of all of us, and that the individual can have an impact, whether small or large, by being politically aware and by taking action. The eighth edition includes an enhanced art program with 7 more charts and analyses and updates of currents including economic trends, possibilities of a new direction in U.S. foreign policy under the Obama administration, global environment issues and much more.

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Customer Reviews

John T. Rourke, Ph.D., professor emeritus, is former head of the Department of Political Science at The University of Connecticut. He is author of *International Politics on the World Stage*, Eleventh Edition (McGraw-Hill, 2007); the author of *Presidential Wars and American Democracy: Rally 'Round the Chief* (Paragon House, 1993); a coauthor of *Direct Democracy and International Politics: Deciding International Issues through Referendums* (Lynn Rienner, 1992); the editor of *Taking Sides: Clashing Views in World Politics*, Twelfth Edition, expanded (McGraw-Hill, 2007) and *You Decide: Current Debates in American Politics* (Longman, 2005); the author of *Making Foreign Policy: United States, Soviet Union, China* (Brooks Cole, 1990), *Congress and the Presidency in U.S. Foreign Policymaking* (Westview, 1985), and numerous articles and papers. He continues to teach and especially enjoys introductory classes. His regard for the students has molded his approach to writing—he conveys scholarship in a language and within a frame of reference that

undergraduates can appreciate. Rourke believes, as the theme of this book reflects, that politics affect us all and we can affect politics. Rourke practices what he propounds; his career long involved the university's internship program and advising one of its political clubs. Additionally, he has served as a staff member of Connecticut's legislature, and has been involved in political campaigns on the local, state, and national levels. Mark A. Boyer, Ph.D. is a professor of political science at The University of Connecticut. He received the 2004 UConn Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching at the Graduate Level, the American Political Science Association's 2000 Rowman & Littlefield Award for Innovation in the Teaching of Political Science, and the 2001 UConn Chancellor's Information Technology Award. He is coauthor with Davis B. Bobrow of *Defensive Internationalism* (University of Michigan Press, 2005), coauthor with Brigid Starkey and Jonathan Wilkenfeld of *Negotiating a Complex World* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1999), and author of *International Cooperation and Public Goods* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1993). He has also published numerous articles in such journals as the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Simulation and Games*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *Diplomacy and Statecraft*, *Instructional Science*, and others. Boyer is co-director of the GlobalEd Project (www.globaled.uconn.edu), which conducts computer-assisted international studies simulations for middle school and high school students throughout the United States. In 1992-93 he was a Pew Faculty Fellow in International Affairs, and from 1986 to 1988, an SSRC-MacArthur Fellow in International Peace and Security Studies. A strong proponent of active forms of learning, Boyer applies a wide mix of teaching approaches, ranging from case teaching to various types of simulations. His emphasis on active learning is reflected throughout this book and also in the Web site that accompanies the book.

This has been a great textbook so far. I didn't know anything about international politics and it has done a really good job explaining everything. It's easy to read and gives very good explanations and provides real life examples for everything. What makes it a good textbook above and beyond so many others is that it is actually enjoyable to read. The stories are interesting and well-written, the style is friendly, and it provides many interesting and funny anecdotes. It also provides websites that connect to what is being discussed, and the websites have so far turned out to be interesting. Some of the websites are more serious and some are more fun. For instance, when the book was mentioning a theory about comparing humans to animals, the website was Jane Goodall's website and it told how to get to the part that makes comparisons between chimps and humans. There is also a great website in connection to the book that provides quizzes and activities to help in

understanding the main points.

I bought this for my Polisci class and enjoyed it. It was everything you could expect a textbook to be, plus it had some historical snippets that I would read in my spare time. You could do worse for class.

Assigned reading for college-level politics class. Easy to read and not too wordy. Gets complicated points across well. Current, real-life examples are helpful, too. Of the numerous books I had to buy this semester, this is one of the most best. And I probably won't try to sell it off after Finals, either. It's a keeper.

Fantastic overview of international politics. Easy to understand, and very informative. Among the best out there.

Book came in good conditions!

This is a great tome if your class requires it. Well written with current facts and data. Understandably so most texts are obsolete as soon as they are printed but, get this book if your class requires it. It proves to be a great reference book later on as well.

I had to have this textbook for an online class I'm taking. It is a pretty good textbook. Easy to read, good examples, easy to understand, and not too boring as textbooks go. About 8 years old now though, so not really as current as it could be - newer editions are out there, but my professor required this one. But overall, not a bad textbook.

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