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Page Count Difference

In the latest edition of *American Government*, there is no page count difference compared to the last edition.

Errata:

Below is a table containing submitted errata, and the resolutions that OpenStax has provided for this latest text.

Location	Detail	Resolution Notes	Error Type
Ch 1: American Government and Civic Engagement, Sec 1: What is Government?	Typo in second sentence of Figure 3 caption: "[...] certain species could become instinct" should read "[...] certain species could become extinct".	In Feature Box Finding a Middle Ground, revise "instinct" in the figure caption to "extinct".	Typo
Ch 1: American Government and Civic Engagement, Sec 2: Who Governs? Elitism, Pluralism, and Tradeoffs	After Figure 1.7, update "fewer than 20 percent of members" to "about 21 percent of members".	After Figure 1.7, revise "fewer than 20 percent of members" to "about 21 percent of members".	Other
Ch 4: Civil Liberties, Sec 2: Securing Basic Freedoms, Subsec: The Establishment Clause	The typo is the name of a church. In the textbook, it is written: ...New religious organizations, such as the Church of Latter-day Saints (the Mormon Church)... The typo should be corrected to: ...New religious organizations, such as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (also known as the Mormon Church)...	Revise "the Church of Latter-day Saints" to "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints".	Typo

	This is the full and correct name of this church.		
Ch 5: Civil Rights, Sec 2: The African American Struggle for Equality	The following link needs a new target: (https://www.openstaxcollege.org/l/29eyesonthepriz)	Revise the URL for https://www.openstaxcollege.org/l/29eyesonthepriz to: http://worldchannel.org/programs/eyes-on-the-prize/	Broken link
Ch 5: Civil Rights, Sec 2: The African American Struggle for Equality, Subsec: Continuing Challenges for African Americans	Update "FBI director James B. Comey" to "former FBI director James B. Comey".	Revise "FBI director James B. Comey" to "former FBI director James B. Comey".	Other
Ch 6: The Politics of Public Opinion, Sec 2: How Is Public Opinion Measured, Subsec: Technology and Polling	In the 2nd to last paragraph, update "millennial generation (currently aged 18-33)" to "Millennial generation (currently aged 21-37)".	In the 2nd to last paragraph, revise "millennial generation (currently aged 18-33)" to "Millennial generation (currently aged 21-37)".	Other
Ch 6: The Politics of Public Opinion, Sec 3: What Does the Public Think?, Subsec: Experiences that Affect Public Opinion	In the 2nd to last paragraph, update "members of generation X (currently aged 34-39)" to "members of Generation X (currently aged 38-53)".	In the 2nd to last paragraph, revise "members of generation X (currently aged 34-39)" to "members of Generation X (currently aged 38-53)".	Other
Ch 6: The Politics of Public Opinion, Sec 3: What Does the Public Think?, Subsec: Opinions About Politics and Policies	Update the 3rd paragraph as follows: Some of these changes... Millennials and Generation Xers are more likely to support the Democratic Party than the Republican Party. In recent polling, 51 percent of Millennials and 49 percent of Generation Xers stated they did, whereas only 35 percent and 38 percent, respectively, supported the	Revise the 3rd paragraph as follows: Some of these changes... Millennials and Generation Xers are more likely to support the Democratic Party than the Republican Party. In recent polling, 51 percent of Millennials and 49 percent of Generation Xers stated they did, whereas only 35 percent and 38 percent, respectively, supported	Other

	Republican Party. Baby Boomers (currently aged 54â€“72) are slightly less likely than the other groups to support the Democratic Party; only 47 percent reported doing so. The Silent Generation (born in the 1920s to early 1940s)..."	the Republican Party. Baby Boomers (currently aged 54â€“72) are slightly less likely than the other groups to support the Democratic Party; only 47 percent reported doing so. The Silent Generation (born in the 1920s to early 1940s)..."	
Ch 6: The Politics of Public Opinion, Sec 3: What Does the Public Think?, Subsec: Public Opinion and Political Institutions	In the 2nd paragraph, update the last 2 sentences as follows: "President Obamaâ€™s presidency followed the same trend. He entered office with a public approval rating of 67 percent, which fell to 54 percent by the third quarter, dropped to 52 percent after his reelection, and, as of the presidential election in November 2016, was at 46 percent (Figure 6.15)."	In the 2nd paragraph, revise the last 2 sentences as follows: "President Obamaâ€™s presidency followed the same trend. He entered office with a public approval rating of 67 percent, which fell to 54 percent by the third quarter, dropped to 52 percent after his reelection, and, as of the presidential election in November 2016, was at 46 percent (Figure 6.15)."	Other
Ch 6: The Politics of Public Opinion, Sec 4: The Effects of Public Opinion, Subsec: Public Opinion and Government	In the 7th paragraph, update the last sentence to "While Trump finished with a solid lead in the Electoral College, Clinton vastly outstripped Trump in the popular vote."	In the 7th paragraph, revise the last sentence to "While Trump finished with a solid lead in the Electoral College, Clinton vastly outstripped Trump in the popular vote."	Other
Ch 7: Voting and Elections, Sec 2: Voter Turnout	The following link needs a new target: (https://openstaxcollege.org/l/29voterpartic)	Revise the URL for https://openstaxcollege.org/l/29voterpartic to: https://www.voterparticipation.org/our-mission/	Broken link
Ch 7: Voting and Elections, References	Update References 40 and 43.	Revise reference 40 to "J. M. Krogstad and M. H. Lopez. 29 November 2016. "Hillary Clinton won Latino	Other

		<p>vote but fell below 2012 support for Obama," http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/11/29/hillary-clinton-wins-latino-vote-but-falls-below-2012-support-for-obama/ (February 28, 2018)."</p> <p>Revise reference 43 to ""Figure 1. Proportion of Eligible Adult Population Who Reported Voting," http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/resources/genderdiff.pdf (February 28, 2018)."</p>	
Ch 7: Voting and Elections, Sec 2: Voter Turnout, Subsec: What Factors Decrease Voter Turnout?	In the 3rd to last paragraph, update "FBI director James Comey" to "former FBI director James Comey".	In the 3rd to last paragraph, revise "FBI director James Comey" to "former FBI director James Comey".	Other
Ch 7: Voting and Elections, Sec 2: Voter Turnout, Subsec: What Factors Drive Voter Turnout?	<p>Update the 2nd to last paragraph as follows:</p> <p>"In 2016, while Donald Trump... the fact that Hillary Clinton nearly beat him may have had as much to do with the record turnout of Latinos in response to numerous remarks on immigration that Trump made throughout his campaign. Latinos made up 11 percent of the electorate in 2016, up from 10 percent in 2012 and 9 percent in 2008."</p>	<p>Revise the 2nd to last paragraph as follows:</p> <p>"In 2016, while Donald Trump... the fact that Hillary Clinton nearly beat him may have had as much to do with the record turnout of Latinos in response to numerous remarks on immigration that Trump made throughout his campaign. Latinos made up 11 percent of the electorate in 2016, up from 10 percent in 2012 and 9 percent in 2008."</p>	Other

	Update the last paragraph as follows: "In 2016, a record 73.7 percent of women reporting voting, while a record 63.8 percent of men reported voting. In 2012, these numbers were 71.4 percent for women and 61.6 percent for men. The margin that Hillary Clinton won..."	Revise the last paragraph as follows: "In 2016, a record 73.7 percent of women reporting voting, while a record 63.8 percent of men reported voting. In 2012, these numbers were 71.4 percent for women and 61.6 percent for men. The margin that Hillary Clinton won..."	
Ch 8: The Media, Sec 1: What is the Media?, Subsec: Media Types	Update the caption for Figure 8.2 to "Age greatly influences the choice of news sources. Baby Boomers are more likely to get news and information from television, while members of Generation X and Millennials are more likely to use social media."	Revise the caption for Figure 8.2 to "Age greatly influences the choice of news sources. Baby Boomers are more likely to get news and information from television, while members of Generation X and Millennials are more likely to use social media."	Other
Ch 8: The Media, Sec 1: What is the Media?, Subsec: Media Types	Update the age ranges for Millennials and Baby Boomers.	Revise the 1st paragraph as follows: Each form of media has its own complexities and is used by different demographics. Millennials (currently aged 21-37) are more likely to get news and information from social media, such as YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook, while Baby Boomers (currently aged 54-72) are most likely..."	Other
Ch 8: The Media, Sec 2: The Evolution of the Media, Subsec: New	In the 5th paragraph, update the 2nd sentence to "Younger viewers,	In the 5th paragraph, revise the 2nd sentence to "Younger viewers,	Other

Media Trends	especially members of Generation X and Millennials, like their newscasts to be humorous."	especially members of Generation X and Millennials, like their newscasts to be humorous."	
Ch 9: Political Parties, Sec 2: The Two-Party System, Subsec: Critical Elections and Realignment	In the 2nd paragraph, update "millennials--those aged 18-34--are more liberal than..." to "Millennials--those aged 21-37--are more liberal than...".	In the 2nd paragraph, update "millennials--those aged 18-34--are more liberal than..." to "Millennials--those aged 21-37--are more liberal than...".	Other
Ch 9: Political Parties, Sec 3: The Shape of Modern Political Parties, Figure 9.8	Update the caption for Figure 9.8 to "As the chart... Millennials (aged 21-37) are more likely to identify as or lean towards the Democratic Party and less likely to favor Republicans than are their Baby Boomer parents...".	Revise the caption for Figure 9.8 to "As the chart... Millennials (aged 21-37) are more likely to identify as or lean towards the Democratic Party and less likely to favor Republicans than are their Baby Boomer parents...".	Other
Ch 10: Interest Groups and Lobbying, Sec 3: Interest Groups as Political Participation	The following link needs a new target: (https://openstaxcollege.org/l/29alabethics)	Revise the URL for (https://openstaxcollege.org/l/29alabethics) to: http://ethics.alabama.gov/lobbyists.aspx	Broken link
Ch 11: Congress, Sec 1: The Institutional Design of Congress	In the second paragraph on page 411, the "l" is missing from necessary and proper "cause." Please correct.	In the 2nd paragraph below Figure 11.5, revise "necessary and proper cause" to "necessary and proper clause".	Typo
Ch 11: Congress, Sec 5: The Legislative Process	"If the president does veto the bill, both chambers must muster a two-thirds vote to overcome the veto and force the president to sign it." The veto override makes the bill into a law, but the Congress cannot force the president to sign a bill.	Revise the last sentence of the paragraph before Figure 11.20 as follows: "If the president does veto the bill, both chambers must muster a two-thirds vote to overcome the veto and make the bill law without presidential approval (Figure 11.20)."	Other factual inaccuracy in content
Ch 12: The Presidency,	In the 2nd paragraph,	In the 2nd paragraph,	Other

<p>Sec 2: The Presidential Election Process, Subsec: Electing the President: The General Election</p>	<p>update "at least 600,000 more votes" to "nearly 2.9 million more votes".</p>	<p>revise "at least 600,000 more votes" to "nearly 2.9 million more votes".</p>	
<p>Ch 17: Foreign Policy, Sec 1: Defining Foreign Policy</p>	<p>the book states "...the United states all distributes hundreds of billions of dollars each year in foreign aid to improve the quality of life of citizens in developing countries."</p> <p>This is utter nonsense. The US spends less than \$40 billion in foreign aid. That's no where near "hundreds of billions" This implies something that is not true and is misleading. If the author wants to include foreign arms sales-- make sure they make it clear that "sales" are not "aid" in the same context of humanitarian aid, etc. There should be an illustration of the total amount of foreign aid and the different ways it is spent, etc.</p>	<p>Revise "billions" to "millions" in the sentence as follows:</p> <p>Besides participating in the UN and NATO, the United States also distributes hundreds of millions of dollars each year in foreign aid to improve the quality of life of citizens in developing countries.</p>	<p>Other factual inaccuracy in content</p>
<p>Ch 17: Foreign Policy, Sec 4: Approaches to Foreign Policy</p>	<p>The following link needs a new target: (https://openstaxcollege.org/l/29CFRthinktk)</p>	<p>Revise the URL for https://openstaxcollege.org/l/29CFRthinktk to: https://votesmart.org/interest-groups/NA/32#.Wg38ykqnGUK</p> <p>Revise the text as follows: Several interest groups debate what should happen in U.S. foreign policy, many of which are included in this list</p>	<p>Broken link</p>

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