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## The Cavalier Presidency

### Executive Power and Prerogative in Times of Crisis

*Lexington Books* In **The Cavalier Presidency**, author Justin P. DePlato analyzes the theory of executive emergency power across a wide breadth of philosophical history and reviews seven U.S. presidencies, concluding that presidents are becoming increasingly reckless when determining and using power during crisis.

### American Presidential Power and the War on Terror

### Does the Constitution Matter?

*Palgrave Pivot* This book examines the use of presidential power during the War on Terror. Justin DePlato joins the debate on whether the Constitution matters in determining how each branch of the federal government should use its power to combat the War on Terror. The actions and words of Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama are examined. DePlato's findings support the theory that executives use their own prerogative in determining what emergency powers are and how to use them. According to DePlato, the Presidents argue that their powers are implied in Article II of the Constitution, not expressed. This conclusion renders the Constitution meaningless in times of crisis. The author reveals that Presidents are becoming increasingly cavalier and that the nation should consider adopting an amendment to the Constitution to proffer expressed executive emergency powers.

## The American Founders and the Classics

"The American Founders and the Classics analyzes theories of democracy from America's founders and connects them with the ideas of classical and Renaissance political philosophy. The text explores classical thinkers from Ancient Greece, political writing from the Enlightenment, and America's founders. Students will read Aristotle's *Politics: Book I* and Cicero's *On the Laws*. They will consider how Montesquieu's *The Spirit of the Laws* and Rousseau's *The Social Contract* may have impacted the work of American founders such as Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, and John Adams. The text allows students to connect writers such as Plato, Locke, and Hobbes with founders such as Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and Alexander Hamilton. The anthology includes the entirety of all original documents paired with commentary, analysis, and imagery to enhance both interest and comprehension. Featuring original illustrations, *The American Founders and the Classics* is an accessible and enjoyable text that gives students a comprehensive, analytical overview of America's great political thinkers and serves as a reminder that America was founded with pragmatism, compromise, and aspiration. The book is well suited to courses on American government, political thought, and the Constitution, as well as introductory political philosophy classes. Justin DePlato holds a Ph.D in political science from the State University of New York, Buffalo. He is an assistant professor of political science at Robert Morris University. Dr. DePlato's research and teaching interests include presidential power and rhetoric and theories of presidential decision-making. His work has appeared in numerous journals and he is the author of *The Cavalier Presidency: Executive Power and Prerogative in Times of Crisis* and *The Tell: Examining the Signaling Effects of Members Cosponsoring Legislation in the United States Senate*.

## Gerald Ford and the Separation of Powers

## Preserving the Constitutional Presidency in the Post-

## Watergate Period

*Lexington Books* Using archival materials from Gerald Ford's term, this book shows how the constitutional presidency reinforces even the politically weakest presidents under the separation of powers system. The constitutional presidency endures even when political circumstances may foreclose other informal personal powers of persuasion.

## American Presidential Power and the War on Terror: Does the Constitution Matter?

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## Presidential Power

### The Politics of Leadership

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## Guide to the Presidency and the Executive Branch

*CQ Press* This comprehensive two-volume guide is the definitive source for researchers seeking an understanding of those who have occupied the White House and on the institution of the U.S. presidency. Readers turn *Guide to the Presidency and the Executive Branch* for its wealth of facts and analytical chapters that explain the structure, powers, and operations of the office and the president's relationship with Congress and the Supreme Court. The fifth edition of this acclaimed reference completes coverage of the George W. Bush presidency, the 2008 election, and the first 3 years of the presidency of Barack Obama. This includes coverage of their handling of the economic crisis, wars abroad, and Obama's healthcare initiatives. The work is divided into eight distinct subject areas covering every aspect of the U.S. presidency, and all chapters in each subject area have been revised and updated: *Origins and Development of the Presidency*, including constitutional beginnings, history of the presidency and vice presidency, and presidential ratings *Selection and Removal of the President*, including the electoral process, a chronology of presidential elections, removal of the president and vice president, and succession *Powers of the Presidency*, including the unilateral powers of the presidency and those as chief of state, chief administrator, legislative leader, commander in chief, and chief economist *The President, the Public, and the Parties*, including presidential appearances, the president and political parties, the president and the news media, the presidency and pop culture, public support and opinion, and the president and interest groups *The Presidency and the Executive Branch*, including the White House Office, the Office of the Vice President, supporting organizations, the cabinet and executive departments, presidential commissions, and executive branch housing, pay, and perquisites *Chief Executive and Federal Government*, including the president and Congress, the president and the Supreme Court, and the president and the bureaucracy *Presidents, their Families, and Life in the White House and Beyond*, including the daily life of the president, the first lady, the first family, friends of presidents, and life after the presidency *Biographies of the Presidents, Vice Presidents, First Ladies* This new volume also features more than 200 textboxes, tables, and figures. Major revisions cover the supporting White House organizations and the president's role as chief economist. Additional reference materials include explanatory headnotes, as well as hundreds of photographs with detailed captions.

## North Dakota Banker

## The Imperiled Presidency

### Leadership Challenges in the Twenty-First Century

*Rowman & Littlefield* **The Imperiled Presidency: Presidential Leadership in the 21st Century** calls for a dramatic re-evaluation of the American president's role within the separation of powers system. In contrast with claims by academics, pundits, media, and members of Congress, this provocative new book argues that the contemporary American presidency is too weak rather than too strong. Cal Mackenzie offers the contrarian argument that the real constitutional crisis in contemporary American politics is not the centralization and accumulation of power in the presidency, but rather that effective governance is imperiled by the diminished role of the presidency. The product of more than three years of research and writing and nearly four decades of the author's teaching and writing about the American presidency, *The Imperiled Presidency* is the first book-length treatment of the weaknesses of the modern presidency, written to be accessible to undergraduates and interested citizens alike. It engages with a wide range of literature that relates to the presidency, including electoral politics, budgetary politics, administrative appointments, and the conduct of foreign affairs. It would be a useful complement to courses that rely primarily on a single textbook, as well as courses that are built around more specific readings from a range of books and articles.

## The Rhetorical Presidency

### New Edition

*Princeton University Press* Modern presidents regularly appeal over the heads of Congress to the people at large to generate support for public policies. *The Rhetorical Presidency* makes the case that this development, born at the outset of the twentieth century, is the product of conscious political choices that fundamentally transformed the presidency and the meaning of American governance. Now with a new foreword by Russell Muirhead and a new afterword by the author, this landmark work probes political pathologies and analyzes the dilemmas of presidential statecraft. Extending a tradition of American political writing that begins with *The Federalist* and continues with Woodrow Wilson's *Congressional Government*, *The Rhetorical Presidency* remains a pivotal work in its field.

## Presidential Leadership: Politics and Policy Making

*Cengage Learning* From routine operations to the workings of a White House in crisis, this comprehensive, best-selling text examines all aspects of the presidency in rich detail. With a special emphasis on policy, the new edition surveys the most up-to-date scholarship on the topic, and includes an examination of the groundbreaking 2008 presidential election. Best-selling authors George C. Edwards and Stephen J. Wayne use engaging analysis and timely, fascinating examples to view the presidency from two theoretical standpoints the president as facilitator, and the president as director of change. A theoretical (versus chronological) approach combined with the currency and relevance of the material, makes **PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP: POLITICS AND POLICY MAKING, 8th Edition**, the most comprehensive text available today for the presidential studies course. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

## James Buchanan

### The American Presidents Series: The 15th President, 1857-1861

*Macmillan* A look at the presidency of James Buchanan, whose administration paved the way for the onslaught of the Civil War, details his failures as a president, including his lack of compromise and his weak leadership in a time of national crisis.

## From Wealth to Power

### The Unusual Origins of America's World Role

*Princeton University Press* What turns rich nations into great powers? How do wealthy countries begin extending their influence abroad? These questions are vital to understanding one of the most important sources of instability in international politics: the emergence of a new power. In *From Wealth to Power*, Fareed Zakaria seeks to answer these questions by examining the most puzzling case of a rising power in modern history--that of the United States. If rich nations routinely become great powers, Zakaria asks, then how do we explain the strange inactivity of the United States in the late nineteenth century? By 1885, the U.S. was the richest country in the world. And yet, by all military,

political, and diplomatic measures, it was a minor power. To explain this discrepancy, Zakaria considers a wide variety of cases between 1865 and 1908 when the U.S. considered expanding its influence in such diverse places as Canada, the Dominican Republic, and Iceland. Consistent with the realist theory of international relations, he argues that the President and his administration tried to increase the country's political influence abroad when they saw an increase in the nation's relative economic power. But they frequently had to curtail their plans for expansion, he shows, because they lacked a strong central government that could harness that economic power for the purposes of foreign policy. America was an unusual power--a strong nation with a weak state. It was not until late in the century, when power shifted from states to the federal government and from the legislative to the executive branch, that leaders in Washington could mobilize the nation's resources for international influence. Zakaria's exploration of this tension between national power and state structure will change how we view the emergence of new powers and deepen our understanding of America's exceptional history.

## Executive Politics in Semi-Presidential Regimes

### Power Distribution and Conflicts between Presidents and Prime Ministers

*Lexington Books* This book analyzes the power variations between political executives in semi-presidential regimes. It contrasts institutional, partisan, and extra-institutional explanations and identifies patterns of change for the power distribution between presidents and prime ministers. It provides an empirical analysis of selected case studies and demonstrates the necessity to understand power variations in a configurative perspective, exposing the limits of institutional design explanations. This study ultimately aims to contribute to both the literature on semi-presidentialism and to the literature on democratic regimes by providing a systematic assessment of these different configurations, in both mature and emerging democracies. To explore this phenomenon, this research tests the key factors of power variation proposed in the semi-presidential literature on the power relationship between presidents and prime ministers mainly in France's Fifth Republic and post-1993 Ukraine, but also to a lesser extent in Finland, post-1993 Russia, and post-1990 Poland.

## The English Constitution

*Createspace Independent Publishing Platform* There is a great difficulty in the way of a writer who attempts to sketch a living Constitution—a Constitution that is in actual work and power. The difficulty is that the object is in constant change. An historical writer does not feel this difficulty: he deals only with the past; he can say definitely, the Constitution worked in such and such a manner in the year at which he begins, and in a manner in such and such respects different in the year at which he ends; he begins with a definite point of time and ends with one also. But a contemporary writer who tries to paint what is before him is puzzled and a perplexed: what he sees is changing daily. He must paint it as it stood at some one time, or else he will be putting side by side in his representations things which never were contemporaneous in reality.

## The Imperial Presidency and the Constitution

*Rowman & Littlefield* The *Imperial Presidency and the Constitution* examines presidential power from a variety of perspectives: analyzing the president's role in the administrative state, as commander-in-chief, as occupant of the modern "Bully Pulpit," and, in separate essays, addressing recent presidents' relationship with Congress and the Supreme Court.

## The Presidency in Black and White

### My Up-Close View of Four Presidents and Race in America

*Rowman & Littlefield* 2016 NAACP Image Award Nominee, Essence Top 10 books of 2015, African American Literary Show Inc. 2015 Best Non Fiction Award When the award-winning *The Presidency in Black and White* first appeared, readers were captivated by journalist April Ryan's compelling behind-the-scenes look at race relations from the epicenter of American power and policy making—the White House. As a White House correspondent since 1997, Ryan provides unique insights on the presidencies of Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama. In the updated paperback edition, Ryan contributes a new afterword, chronicling the country's growing racial divide, the end of the Obama era, the increasingly contentious Trump White House, and prospects for race relations in the Trump presidency.

## The Presidential Campaign of 1832

## Presidential Secrecy and the Law

*JHU Press* Publisher Description

## The Executive Branch of Federal Government

## People, Process, and Politics

*ABC-CLIO* Starts with a chronology, then provides a chapter on the roles and functions of the American president. Succeeding chapters look at the evolution of the presidency through several lenses: profiles of a handful of presidents who effected truly momentous changes in the presidency's 200-year development (Washington, Lincoln, the two Roosevelts, and Nixon); a discussion of presidential generations; and an analysis of five presidential elections. Edited highlights from inaugural addresses comprise the volume's second half.

## Impeaching the President

## Past, Present, and Future

*City Lights Books* "Impeaching the President is lucid, balanced, and deeply informed. Anyone in search of a reasoned guide to the unreason of our current situation should read it."—Elizabeth Kolbert, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Sixth Extinction* "Ousting a president is a complicated and uncertain endeavor, according to this perceptive study of impeachments. ... [This book] shrewdly assesses the impeachability of President Trump based on his alleged offenses. ... Hirsch's lucid prose and careful analysis make the book a fine corrective to cavalier popular rhetoric surrounding discussions of impeachment."—Publishers Weekly "A masterpiece for the masses."—Ralph Nader "Amid the partisan passion, an illuminating primer of analysis and context lowers the temperature on this hot-button issue. . . . A cogent analysis that builds a common-sense case for proceeding with caution and against using impeachment as a partisan weapon."—Kirkus Reviews "The reader gets a hearty mix of American history, political intrigue, and constitutional law, all adhered with Hirsch's amazing writing. He captures the political chaos surrounding each prior case, yanking the reader out of our present exceptionalism to see the evolution of impeachment with the proper context and clarity. Can't recommend it enough."—Travis Cohen, Brookline Booksmith, MA "In an era when the notion of impeachment is tossed around as the ultimate political indictment, Alan Hirsch guides us with a steady hand through our own history to consider the three presidents who faced that ultimate punishment. This is a sober, precise, and carefully argued analysis that should be read by every member of Congress—and every president."—David K. Shipler, former reporter for the *New York Times* and Pulitzer Prize recipient "Alan Hirsch brings clarity, wisdom, and wit to a contentious and critical subject. Impeaching the President is must reading for all concerned citizens."—Howard Shapiro, former FBI General Counsel "Incredibly readable, well-researched, analytically sound and important."—Alan B. Morrison, Associate Dean for Public Interest & Public Service at the George Washington Law School Donald J. Trump is only the third president in U.S. history to be impeached. Constitutional scholar Alan Hirsch offers clear and to-the-point guidance for all matters relating to removing a sitting president, including: the Founders' vision for checking presidential power; the impeachment stories of presidents Andrew Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Bill Clinton; wrongdoing in the Trump administration; and the availability of the 25th Amendment and presidential self-pardon. Illustrated throughout with historical engravings, photographs, and other impeachment documentation, this concise, timely, and accessible analysis offers an invaluable perspective on how the Constitution provides stability during times of political upheaval.

## The Living Presidency

## An Originalist Argument against Its Ever-Expanding Powers

*Harvard University Press* A constitutional originalist sounds the alarm over the presidency's ever-expanding powers, ascribing them unexpectedly to the liberal embrace of a living Constitution. Liberal scholars and politicians routinely denounce the imperial presidency—a self-aggrandizing executive that has progressively sidelined Congress. Yet the same people invariably extol the virtues of a living Constitution, whose meaning adapts with the times. Saikrishna Bangalore Prakash argues that these stances are fundamentally incompatible. A constitution prone to informal amendment systematically favors the executive and ensures that there are no enduring constraints on executive power. In this careful study, Prakash contends that an originalist interpretation of the Constitution can rein in the "living presidency" legitimated by the living Constitution. No one who reads the Constitution would conclude that presidents may declare war, legislate by fiat, and make treaties without the Senate. Yet presidents do all these things.

They get away with it, Prakash argues, because Congress, the courts, and the public routinely excuse these violations. With the passage of time, these transgressions are treated as informal constitutional amendments. The result is an executive increasingly liberated from the Constitution. The solution is originalism. Though often associated with conservative goals, originalism in Prakash's argument should appeal to Republicans and Democrats alike, as almost all Americans decry the presidency's stunning expansion. The Living Presidency proposes a baker's dozen of reforms, all of which could be enacted if only Congress asserted its lawful authority.

## The President Who Would Not Be King

### Executive Power Under the Constitution

*Princeton University Press* Vital perspectives for the divided Trump era on what the Constitution's framers intended when they defined the extent—and limits—of presidential power One of the most vexing questions for the framers of the Constitution was how to create a vigorous and independent executive without making him king. In today's divided public square, presidential power has never been more contested. *The President Who Would Not Be King* cuts through the partisan rancor to reveal what the Constitution really tells us about the powers of the president. Michael McConnell provides a comprehensive account of the drafting of presidential powers. Because the framers met behind closed doors and left no records of their deliberations, close attention must be given to their successive drafts. McConnell shows how the framers worked from a mental list of the powers of the British monarch, and consciously decided which powers to strip from the presidency to avoid tyranny. He examines each of these powers in turn, explaining how they were understood at the time of the founding, and goes on to provide a framework for evaluating separation of powers claims, distinguishing between powers that are subject to congressional control and those in which the president has full discretion. Based on the Tanner Lectures at Princeton University, *The President Who Would Not Be King* restores the original vision of the framers, showing how the Constitution restrains the excesses of an imperial presidency while empowering the executive to govern effectively.

## Strong Constitutions

### Social-Cognitive Origins of the Separation of Powers

*Oxford University Press* The separation of powers is an idea with ancient origins, but nowadays it is largely relegated to legal doctrine, public philosophy, or the history of ideas. Yet the concept is often evoked in debates on the 'war' on terrorism, the use of emergency powers, or constitutional reform. *Strong Constitutions* boldly places the separation of powers on a social scientific footing, arguing that it emerged with the spread of literacy, became central to constitutional thought after the Gutenberg revolution, and faces unprecedented challenges in our current era of electronic communication. Constitutional states use texts to coordinate collective action, and they do so by creating governmental agencies with specific jurisdiction and competence over distinct types of power. Among them are the power to make decisions backed by legally sanctioned coercion; the deliberative power to make procedurally legitimate laws; and the judicial power to interpret and apply laws in particular circumstances. The division of government into three such branches enables state officials and citizens to use written texts-legal codes and documents, including constitutions-along with unwritten rules and conventions to coordinate their activities on larger scales and over longer time horizons. Cameron argues that constitutional states are not weaker because their powers are separated. They are generally stronger because they solve collective action problems rooted in speech and communication. The book is a must read for anyone interested in the separation of powers, its origin, evolution, and consequences.

## American Ideal

### Theodore Roosevelt's Search for American Individualism

*Lexington Books* This book takes Theodore Roosevelt seriously as a man of ideas, a thinker who was deeply committed to addressing the problems of his generation. It also is a study of TR as a leader, one who used rhetoric and example to convince his fellow citizens that it was possible to reconcile the American tradition of individualism with a Progressive-inspired concern for the social good.

## National Emergency: Constitutional questions concerning emergency powers

## The Presidency and Political Science

### Paradigms of Presidential Power from the Founding to the Present

*M.E. Sharpe* This history of presidential studies surveys the views of leading thinkers and scholars about the constitutional powers of the highest office in the land from the founding to the present.

### The Current

### Obama's Political Saga

### From Battling History, Racialized Rhetoric, and GOP Obstructionism to Re-Election

*Lexington Books* The scope and theme of this book are political, polemical, sociological, and ideological. The book lays a historical foundation to explain the reason Obama has not had a successful political relationship with Congressional Republicans. The author relies on systemic racism to explain Obama's political saga with the Congressional Republicans. In spite of the GOP's obstructionist tactics, Obama still goes on to win re-election.

### Donald Trump's New World Order

### U.S. Credibility, Reputation, and Integrity

Donald Trump's New World Order addresses U.S. foreign policy initiatives under Mr. Trump's Presidency. In the book, Ambassador T. Hamid Al-Bayati warns and explains how President Trump's foreign policy and trade war could lead to regional conflict and global wars.

### Presidential Records Act of 1978

### Hearings Before a Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives, Ninety-fifth Congress, Second Session, on H.R. 10998 and Related Bills ....

### Preserving the Rule of Law in the Fight Against Terrorism

### Hearing Before the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, One Hundred Tenth Congress, First Session, October 2, 2007

### Critical Reflections on the Cold War

### Linking Rhetoric and History

*Texas A&M University Press* Rhetoric and history intersected dramatically during the Cold War, which was, above all else, a war of words. This volume, which combines the work of historians and communication scholars, examines the public discourse in Cold War America from a number of perspectives including how rhetoric shaped history and policies and

how rhetorical images invited interpretations of history. The book opens with Norman Graebner's wideranging analysis of the rhetorical background of the Cold War. Frank Costigliola then parses Stalin's speech of February, 1946, an address that many in the West took as a declaration of war by the USSR. The development of NSC68 in 1950, often referred to as America's "blueprint" for fighting the Cold War, is the subject of Robert P. Newman's review. Shawn J. ParryGiles and J. Michael Hogan then focus on American propaganda responses to the perceived Soviet threat. H. W. Brands, Randall B. Woods, and Rachel L. Holloway examine the effects of liberal ideology and rhetoric on domestic and foreign policy decisions. Robert J. McMahon and Robert L. Ivie raise the issue of what it has meant to be the "leader of the Free World" and what the task of postCold War rhetoric will be in this regard. Scholars concerned with the role of words in public life and in the study of history will find challenging material in this interdisciplinary volume. Historians, speech communication scholars, and political scientists with an interest in the Cold War will similarly find grist for further milling.

## Waging War on Trial

### A Handbook with Cases, Laws, and Documents

*ABC-CLIO* Examines how the United States decides to wage war, focusing on war-making issues and controversies and discussing the impact of war on American society, the role of the legal system, and debates about wartime policies.

## Nazi Germany: A Very Short Introduction

*Oxford University Press* Any consideration of the 20th century would be incomplete without a discussion of Nazi Germany, an extraordinary regime which dominated European history for 12 years, and left a legacy that still echoes with us today. The incredible force of the destructive vision at the heart of Nazi Germany led to a second world war when the world was still aching from the first one, and an incomprehensible death count, both at home and abroad. In this Very Short Introduction, Jane Caplan's insightful analysis of Nazi Germany provides a highly relevant reminder of the fragility of democratic institutions, and the ways in which the exploitation of national fears, mass political movements, and frail political opposition can lead to the imposition of dictatorship. Considering the emergence and popular appeal of the Nazi party, she discusses the relationships between belief, consent, and terror in securing the regime, alongside the crucial role played by Hitler himself. Covering the full history of the regime, she includes an unflinching look at the dark stains of war, persecution, and genocide. At the same time, Caplan offers unexpected angles of vision and insights; asking readers to look behind the handful of over-used images of Nazi Germany we are familiar with, and to engage critically with a history that that is so abhorrent it risks seeming beyond interpretation. **ABOUT THE SERIES:** The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

## Congressional Abdication on War and Spending

*Texas A&M University Press* "For thirty years Fisher has observed, informed, and even influenced Congress from his position in the Congressional Research Service. As a scholar, he has studied and published several important books on the separation of powers. Now, for the first time, he not only summarizes the well-informed observations of a distinguished career but also analyzes the reasons for this congressional failure of will and advocates practical ways to redress the balance."

## Impoundment of Appropriated Funds by the President

Joint Hearings Before the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Separation of Powers of the Committee on the Judiciary, 93-1, on S. 373, January 30 and 31, and February 1, 6, and 7, 1973

## Congressional Government: A Study in American Politics

*e-artnow* The object of this book is to point out the most characteristic practical features of the federal system. Taking Congress as the central and predominant power of the system, its object is to illustrate everything Congressional. Everybody has seen, and critics without number have said, that our form of national government is singular, possessing a character altogether its own; but there is abundant evidence that very few have seen just wherein it differs most essentially from the other governments of the world. There have been and are other federal systems quite

similar, and scarcely any legislative or administrative principle of our Constitution was young even when that Constitution was framed. Contents: The House of Representatives The House of Representatives. Revenue and Supply The Senate The Executive

## The Constitution on the Campaign Trail

## The Surprising Political Career of America's Founding Document

*Rowman & Littlefield* **The Constitution is the fundamental governing document of the United States. But to what extent do candidates and parties make constitutional arguments in the course of American elections? By examining party platforms, candidate messages, presidential debates, and television ads, *The Constitution on the Campaign Trail* answers four main questions: How often does constitutional rhetoric appear in campaigns? How much of it is explicit and how much implicit? What constitutional topics receive the most attention? And how often do the electoral competitors engage in an actual constitutional dialogue? *The Constitution on the Campaign Trail* finds evidence for a long, broad decline in the use of constitutional rhetoric since the mid-19th century. Making matters worse, the modern medium most responsible for conveying campaign messages on a day-to-day basis—television advertising—has proven least conducive to constitutional argument. To that extent, concerns about a deconstitutionalization of politics are well placed. However, and perhaps surprisingly, American campaigns have actually seen a limited resurgence in constitutional rhetoric over the past four decades, driven in large part by increased concern with judicial issues, rights, and federalism. The book concludes with explanations of past trends and a look to the future. The political analysis found in *The Constitution on the Campaign Trail* is firmly grounded in historical research and the conclusions reached are trenchant.**

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