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Synopsis

Encouraging students to understand how and why policy analysis is used to assess policy alternatives, this book takes a fully integrated and evaluative approach to policy and arms students with all the analytic tools they need

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Customer Reviews

This is a fine textbook in public policy--largely because of its coverage of substantive policy areas. It is also hideously overpriced. As a college instructor, I am often stunned by what publishers do to their customers. There are many other texts that are equivalent but much less expensive. As a result, I would never adopt this text. Nonetheless, it is a fine volume. Part I considers the study of public policy. Three chapters are included: (1) a chapter on policy and politics; (2) another on relevant government institutions and policy actors; (3) chapter that focuses on understanding public policymaking (e.g., theories of policy, stages of the policy process, tools of policy). Part II looks at analyzing public policy. Three chapters also comprise this part: (1) an introduction to policy analysis; (2) problems and policy alternatives to address these; (3) assessing alternatives (including cost-benefit analysis). Finally, Part III. Here, we learn about various substantive policy fields. Included here: Economic and budgetary policy; Health Care Policy; Welfare and social security policy; Education policy; Environmental and energy policy; Foreign policy and homeland security. Each gives a sense of the issues associated with each policy arena. The last chapter concludes with a general evaluation of larger issues, such as citizen participation in public policy, policy and its impacts, and so on. The cost is way too high. The first two sections provide an introduction to the

subjects, but (in my mind) do not provide enough detail for the reader to get a good idea of the issues at stake. Still and all, a good textbook with some drawbacks. . . .

The public policies contain a matter of public policies that implement the subject and topics clearly and well detailed. It covers most of the 21st century in light of the public policies that are being handled today. The best thing about this book is its insertion, and the number of policies that it contains from chapter to chapter. I would definitely purchase this book today.

It's a great read to refresh my mind on the importance of public policy and how it affect the lives of the people in the community! Great read!

This book was for a class I am taking. It is dry but what do you expect?

Awesome text book! Great information, useful for class! RECOMMEND!!

Good book. Good info about public policy.

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