

David Patrick Houghton publishes second edition of *Political Psychology: Situations, Individuals, and Cases*

The second edition of the popular textbook by David Patrick Houghton, [Political Psychology](#) will be published by Routledge in August 2014. This text examines the question of 'what shapes political behavior more: the situations in which individuals find themselves, or their internal psychological makeup?', using a thematic approach to explore the situational and dispositional influences on voting behavior. Houghton selects key topics that are relevant to an undergraduate audience, and uses conversational writing, along with illustrative global case studies to bring theory to life, and make the topic engaging and easy for students to understand.

The Second Edition:

- Contains a **new chapter** on the psychology of the media and communication;
- Has been **updated** to analyze recent political events, including the 2012 election;
- Includes **more coverage** on cutting edge topics such as neuroscience and behavioral economics;
- Provides a **comprehensive framework** for exploring voting behavior.

"This is my clear first choice as the text for my upper division Political Psychology course. Covering all the main topics, it both describes the main theories and seminal research but also explores relevant policy and normative implications clearly and fairly." —Jack Citrin, University of California, Berkeley

"Houghton's highly accessible text has been the foundation of my upper level undergraduate political psychology class for years. It is concise, yet broad in its coverage of topics and students can appreciate the 'situations and dispositions' framework. The new edition offers a reader-friendly, yet sophisticated update that includes topics such as racism, terrorism, and neuroscience—illustrative of this rapidly evolving field. I highly recommend this book to help guide students in understanding the varying and complex influences on political behavior." —Rebecca Hannagan, Northern Illinois University

"This second edition of Houghton's Political Psychology easily places the book as the new standard text for introductory courses as well as general reading for both practicing and lay social scientists. The book is well written, engaging, and informative, and explains the psychology of the political world for what it is: a complex relationship between individuals and the political situations in which they find themselves." —David C. Wilson, University of Delaware

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