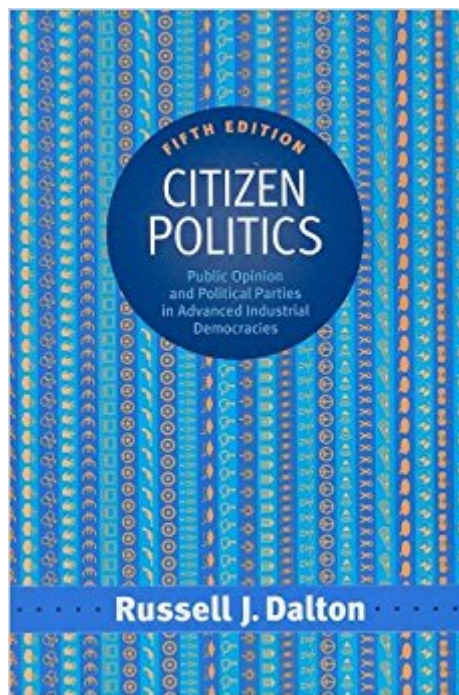


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Synopsis

Now, more than ever, people drive the democratic process. What people think of their government and its leaders, how (or whether) they vote, and what they do or say about a host of political issues greatly affect the further strengthening or erosion of democracy and democratic ideals. With helpful restructuring, the new fifth edition of *Citizen Politics* is even more student-friendly while continuing to offer the only truly comparative study of political attitudes and behavior in the United States, Great Britain, France, and Germany. In addition to its comprehensive, thematic examination of political values, political activity, voting, and public images of government within a cross-national context, *Citizen Politics* now explores new forms of political activity, such as Internet-based activism, and new forms of political consumerism. All of the chapters have been updated with the latest research and empirical evidence, including new data from the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems project, the World Values Survey, the International Social Survey Program, and the British and German national election studies. Further, Dalton devotes more attention to current academic debates over the decline of participation, the erosion of political support, and the implications for democracy. New Data Supplement! Give your students a firsthand opportunity to understand the process of public opinion research. A data supplement from the International Social Survey Program, along with matching SPSS files, are available online at college.cqpress.com/dalton.

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I'm not terribly sure that I share the optimism that is a feature of Russell Dalton's Citizen Politics that the average person on the street has a meaningful impact on the political process throughout Western Europe and the United States, given how politically unaware our society is, but overall it's very well written and concise which isn't something that can be said about many graduate level textbooks. Many of the chapters are quick reads that are chocked full of information about how vital citizens are to the development of the political process in industrialized democracies...though at no point does this information overwhelm the reader like many grad texts that are often more concerned about how many 50 dollar words they can spread round than presenting meaningful information and debate. Bravo for the effort, Mr. Dalton.

This is a solid work from Dalton and a must read for any comparative politics scholar. BLUF: citizens in advanced industrial nations are changing how they participate in politics...he spells out how and why this is.

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