

Introduction

This book is intended for the intermediate to advanced English language learner. It has two purposes. First, it will help the learner understand the workings of the government of the United States and the political system that has evolved into today's bi-partisan political scene. Second, it will help the learner acquire as many as 150 vocabulary items that occur when reading about the topic, listening to and watching the news, or simply hearing people talk about politics.

Each unit follows the same pattern:

- ✦ Introductory page with key vocabulary and visual/ graphic imagery to get people thinking.
- ✦ The reading with key vocabulary highlighted. The reading passage is also available on audio CDs.
- ✦ Two pages of exercises, that explore the form, meaning, and use of the vocabulary.
- ✦ Discussion prompts.

Although permission is given to copy and use units selectively, the most effective use of the book will be for each learner to have their own copy. To maximize vocabulary acquisition, it is recommended to begin with Unit One and proceed unit by unit to the end. In this way, vocabulary introduced in one unit may be recycled in later units.

Answers in the back of the book make it usable for self-study.

The appendix provides additional information to stimulate further interest in the topic, and may be used for discussion/ speaking/ listening practice. Supplementary material for classroom use will be found on www.ProLinguaAssociates.com – We the People.