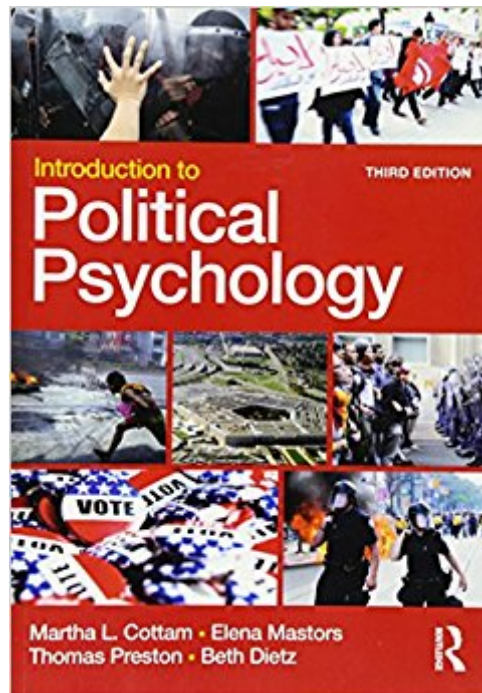




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This is one of a handful of college courses/textbooks that has stuck with me for the six years or more since I took Dr. Cottam's course. I took the course right out of the gate, first semester of university, with no other preparation (I agree with the guy who says that for best results you should probably know some social psychology first-but the book is good enough that you could survive without it!). At the time I was baffled, but the concepts were explained so clearly and with such good

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