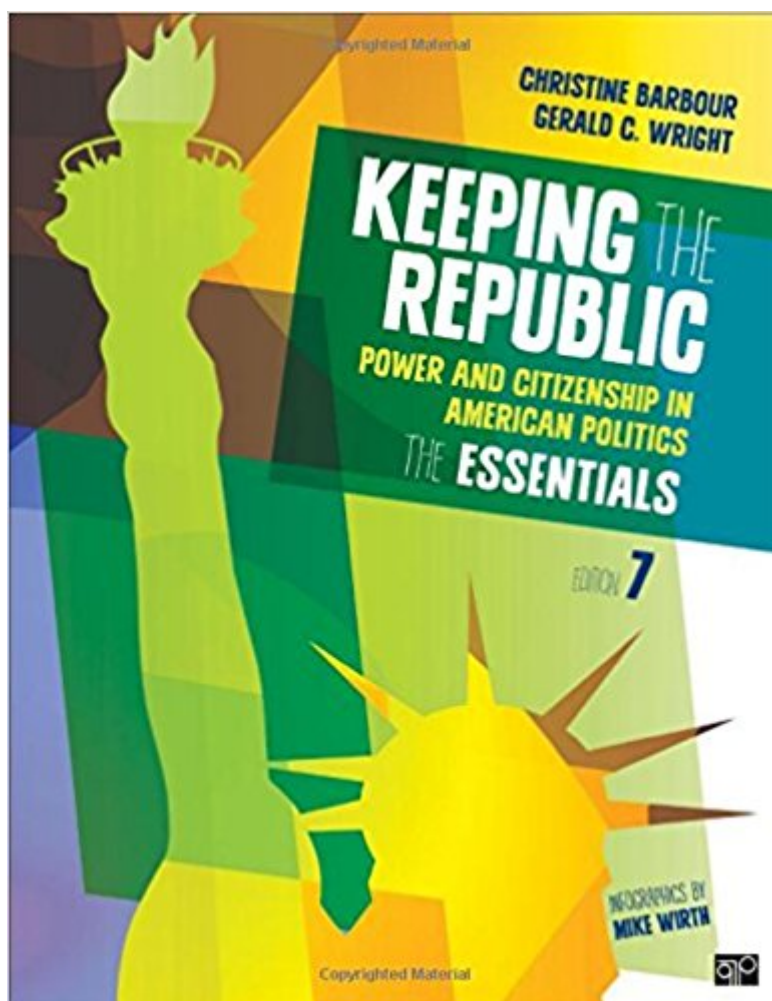


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Discussing who gets what and how, this text introduces students to American governance and encourages them to be critical and analytical in their studies.

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