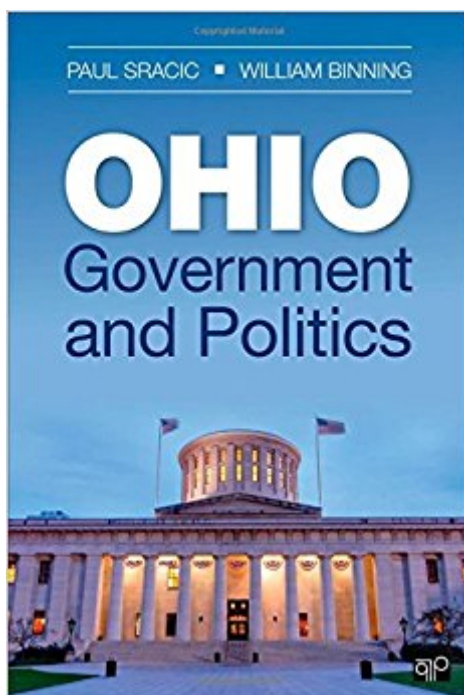


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# Ohio Government And Politics



## Synopsis

Ohio Government and Politics provides a thorough, highly readable overview of the history, processes, and institutions of the state's government and politics. In a country increasingly divided into blue and red states, Ohio is "purple" - one of the few states that is not dominated by a single political party. Covering the crucial strategies of both the republicans and democrats as they vie for power in Ohio, this new title demonstrates the "nationalizing" of Ohio politics. However, contemporary issues specific to Ohio politics are not neglected; coverage of important issues such as charter reform in Cuyahoga County and the controversies over the regulation of "fracking" is included.

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This is an excellent short guide on the history of politics and government of Ohio as well as explaining how the various branches of government are set up, the budget process and other peculiarities of politics and government in Ohio. At just under 200 pages, this book packs a lot of information and is a good place to start for anyone doing research on an important "battleground" state.

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