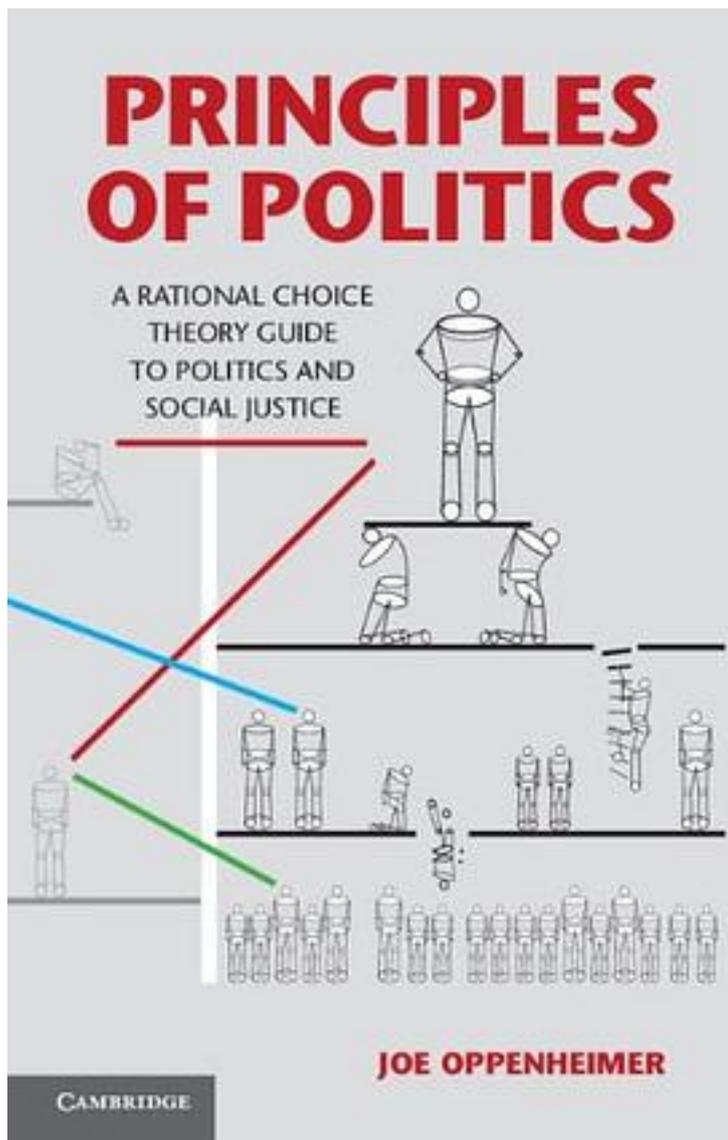


# Principles of Politics



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Modern rational choice and social justice theories allow scholars to develop new understandings of the foundations and general patterns of politics and political behavior. In this book, Joe Oppenheimer enumerates and justifies the empirical and moral generalizations commonly derived from these theories. In developing these arguments, Oppenheimer gives students a foundational basis of both formal theory and theories of social justice, and their related experimental literatures. He uses empirical findings to evaluate the validity of the claims. This basic survey of the findings of public choice theory for political scientists covers the problems of collective action, institutional structures, citizen well-being and social welfare, regime change and political leadership. Principles of Politics highlights what is universal to all of politics and examines both the empirical problems of political behavior and the normative conundrums of social justice.

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## 评论

经济学的教程是从消费者，生产者然后讨论至一般市场均衡与市场失灵或者博弈论的。进而，建立在市场结构的微观基础上，我们有了宏观经济学的架构。在民主政治的政治市场上，我们有了选民，和政治企业家的政治家，然后还有经由委托代理与政府行政的分立式的政治制度。政治市场通常并不完美，致命地缺少价格机制，所面对的通常也是有着很强外部性的公共物品的分配与生产的过程。但是，和市场经济一样，当现代社会中的任意单一个人，不能：单独地生产笔记本电脑，单独地缝衣服，种地做菜养活自己的时候。社会分工就成为必须。政治制度的产生也同样基于，公共产品成为一种需要，我们每个人没有能力全职参与社会管理和行政的时候，社会的分业和委托代理的机制就进而成为了必须。当人们开始讨论政治学应当学什么的时候，学科的理论基础大概是很必要的

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