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Presents clashing views on political issues which are provided in a debate-style format designed to develop critical thinking skills in a student.

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laurenpie says

One of my favorite textbooks from college... eye-opening to me back in the day.

Megan Lengel says

A good sentiment behind this book, and the summaries/collection of works are excellent, but it's incredibly difficult to find the authors of passages you are interested in reading from the Index or Table of Contents. He cites everything by his summaries, meaning he uses his name instead of the author's when signifying passages. Incredibly annoying.

Simon says

This is a book I had as a supplement and never read it and so I thought I would go ahead and read it. It is basically has a bunch of point counter point on policy issues.

Sqyire21 says

Another college book. This book was okay.

Organized into pro/con essays about various social subjects, it's interesting to read the different views on the more common social issues facing America today.

Overall, I found the essays either didn't deal with the issues they claimed, or I simply didn't like the manner they did deal with them. (I understood what each author was saying, but I didn't always agree with their views on the issue they were trying to present)

It would be like trying to talk about tax problems with someone; they want to discuss income tax while you want to talk about capital gains taxes. You're both talking about taxes, but you're not on the same level.

So, if you're going to read this book, leave any pre-concieved notions about these issues at the door. Most of the issues dealt with are not going to be the issue you may think it is, but some of them are very cut and dry. (gay marriage) Even so, it's not a book I would ever read again.

Ashley says

If you want to know both arguments for a political issue...this is the book. I really enjoyed it because it posed a question or topic then you can read the opinion of the side for and the side that's against. I found it really informative, and it actually helped me get an opinion on several issues because I was better informed based what I read.

Another nice thing about this book is that it doesn't read like a text book...it's more like hearing both sides of a political debate.

I would recommend this book to anyone who votes...will vote... or just wants to have an opinion.

Garett Drake says

This is an excellent book which discusses both sides of social issues and lets you decide where you stand.

The edition I have was published in 1990.
