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1. The New Politics of the Old South: An Introduction to Southern Politics

By Charles S. Bullock III and Mark J. Rozell, editors

Collects a series of essays on Southern politics through time, up to date through the 2020 elections. Profiles twelve states and classifies them as either "Stagnant" or "Growth" states. Includes Texas in the latter group because of its rapid economic and population development, and predicts potential changes in partisanship and public policy. Focuses on voting patterns and demographic shifts since the 1970s in the Texas chapter, with emphasis on the state's history of redistricting.

Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2022, 341 pages

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2. The President and the Freedom Fighter: Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and Their Battle to Save America's Soul

By Brian Kilmeade

Tells the story of the relationship between two men striving to save the United States during the Civil War. Follows President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass as their paths converge while working towards the abolition of slavery. Describes the influence of Douglass' writings on Lincoln's beliefs and how Douglass was the only Black man allowed within Lincoln's inner chamber in the White House.

Sentinel, 2021, 292 pages

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3. Presumed Guilty: How the Supreme Court Empowered the Police and Subverted Civil Rights

By Erwin Chemerinsky

Demonstrates how the U. S. Supreme Court, through its decisions over the last half-century, has helped create an unjust criminal justice system that undermines the civil rights of criminal suspects and defendants — especially for people of color. Argues that the Court has not only failed to limit police misconduct and racism in law enforcement but has also weakened remedies for people who are victims of police wrongdoing. Details alternate avenues for police reform and how state and local governments can be involved.

Liveright Publishing Corporation, 2021, 362 pages

344. 73052 C517P 2021

4. Texas Charter Schools Turn 25

By House Research Organization

Addresses the 25 year history of the charter school system in Texas since it was established in 1995 by [SB 1](#), 74th Legislature, R. S. Details policy proposals related to charter schools' growth and operations as well as the authorization process, municipal ordinances, and funding. Includes an in-depth legislative history.

House Research Organization, 2021, 12 pages

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5. The Turnout Myth: Voting Rates and Partisan Outcomes in American National Elections

By Daron R. Shaw and John R. Petrocik

Examines over 50 years of presidential, gubernatorial, senatorial, and house election data to explore the partisan effect associated with voter turnout in national elections. Challenges the widely held belief that high voter participation benefits Democrats while low participation helps Republicans. Discusses the shifting Republican terrain in Texas.

Oxford University Press, 2020, 200 pages

324.60973 SH534T 2020

6. The Wineslinger Chronicles: Texas on the Vine

By Russell D. Kane

Chronicles Texas' emergence as a wine-producing region. Includes stories of winemakers who overcame barriers presented by state alcoholic beverage production and distribution laws. Describes how creation of the Winegrowers List mobilized winegrowers and winemakers to bring about the reform of Texas winery laws, including an **amendment** to the Texas Constitution.

Texas Tech University Press, 2012, 205 pages

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