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Public budgeting is inherently political. In **The Politics of Public Budgeting**, author Irene S. Rubin lays out the actors involved-interest groups, public officials, legislators, and the public-and shines a light on how these groups, who each have their own goals, are able to bargain and barter their way to a resolution. The new **Eighth Edition** examines the budgeting process over time and sets issues like the federal deficit and health care expenditures in political and comparative context. As in previous editions, the book also draws on examples from all levels of government and emphasizes the relationships among them. By carefully analyzing each strand of the decision-making process, Rubin shows the extraordinary cooperation involved in passing a budget and achieving accountability.

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Governance is tough but it appears coalition building just to get a budget passed is getting even more difficult as we see American politics get more and more polarized. Textbooks are weird... you're required to read them but if you like the subject matter it can work out really well. Rubin presents countless minicases that highlight examples of public budgeting in America and they all emphasized the need for an engaged public.
