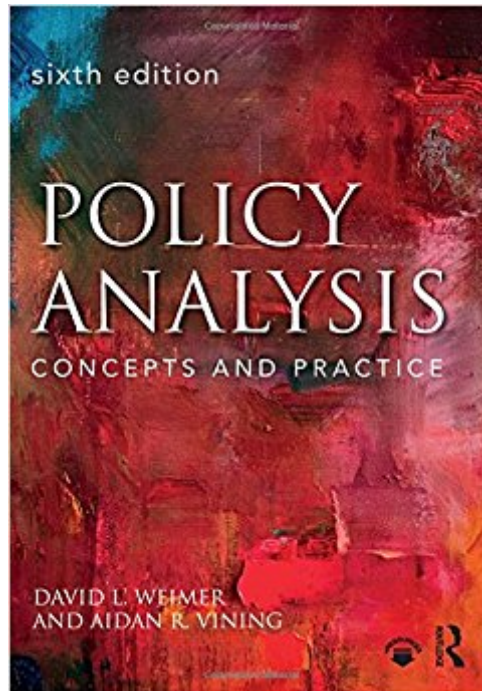




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# Policy Analysis: Concepts And Practice



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## Customer Reviews

David Weimer is Edwin E. Witte Professor of Political Economy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA. Aidan R. Vining is CNABS Professor of Business and Government Relations at Simon Fraser University, Canada.

Needed it for college. Interesting material and arrived in good shape.

Using it for a class I teach. It is a classic.

First half of the book is incredibly foundational so much so that it borders on non sequitur to actual policy analysis. It is founded in economic theory and pays only lip service to political science. Once the actual policy analysis begins around chapter ten, it is a good text with which to begin to apply cohesive analysis to public policy.

Very good text as an introduction to policy analysis. I know little about economics (micro & macro), but this book cover basics of economics using one chapter in the beginning, and it helps me a lot (maybe this is nothing special in this type of text...anyway). It looks little wordy, and would be great if I could find more case study. Overall, I recommend this book.

Really good, informative text. It can be a tough read, though- it's a little dense. You'll need time to process and digest when you're reading- it's not always as concise or clear as it could be.

This is a very good, strong theoretical book. This is the bible of public policy that everyone who works with policy should have close by for a reference book. Very dense and hard to get through at times, but other times the exact opposite. Always beneficial though.

Purchased this book for an introductory microeconomics class and found the material a bit dense compared to the textbook. As a result, I did not refer to it much. The physical condition of the book when I received it was excellent though.

Very poorly written

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