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Synopsis

Updated in its 8th edition, *Introducing Public Administration* provides readers with a solid, conceptual foundation in public administration, and contains the latest information on important trends in the discipline. Known for their lively and witty writing style, Shafritz, Russell, and Borick cover the most important issues in public administration using examples from various disciplines and modern culture. This approach captivates readers and encourages them to think critically about the nature of public administration today.

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This book is very poorly written and with an obvious bias. I was surprised to see things like claiming Moses as "the beginning of modern bureaucratic structures." Apparently, "Jethro's advice of putting able people to be 'rulers...' was followed by the ancient Roman army" (whom I didn't know read the Bible for advice). I also don't understand why it needs a picture of Charlton Heston (as Moses) and a paragraph about how he supports gun rights and helped getting Bush elected.(p206-207) What about "President Richard Nixon takes time out from subverting the US Constitution..." (p179) or how every time period in the US was based on federalism until 2009 when it changed to "Stimulate the economy" with "massive federal funding" (p139). I wonder whose term started in 2009. There's also a section called "The Obama Revolution - The Return of Big Government" (p103) The section called "Writing Your Way to the Presidency: John F. Kennedy Compared to Barack H. Obama" which says things like "Now Kennedy's ghost [writer] was ghosting for Obama. How sweet!" (p19) On page 5 it

asks "Has the election of President Barack Obama to the presidency changed your attitude toward public servants and public service careers?" This must be a very pressing matter of debate within the public administration sphere that I wasn't aware of. I've also never considered Andrew Carnegie an "important philosopher" (p114), but maybe I'm just not as well-read as I should be. I also didn't understand why there was a long explanation on Ayn Rand and objectivist thought, who I thought would be largely irrelevant to public administration.

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