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At a time of corrosive popular cynicism and profound international unease, the need for clarity over the fundamental concepts of politics has never been greater: the forces of **Terrorism** and **Fundamentalism** endanger our **Security**, while government responses to it pose a basic threat to **Liberty**, **Democracy** and **Human rights**. **Corruption**, **Spin** and a suspect **Political culture** arouse public indignation, which is further aggravated by an array of **Pressure groups** and the far-from-disinterested attentions of the **Mass media**.

In *50 Political Ideas You Really Need to Know*, Ben Dupré clears away the murk that obscures key concepts that we ignore at our peril.

## 50 Political Ideas You Really Need to Know Details

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## Bassant Alrayes says

The book basically summarized 50 ideas each in 4 pages with a timeline/historical references as well as providing two sides of the argument circling the idea. for someone like me who doesn't like details as much, this book is perfect for providing the main concept revolving around "an idea" or a certain ideology.

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## Imogen says

I never know how to review non-fiction books?

Overall, this was a nice introduction to a lot of political (and some not-so-political) ideas, which certainly gave me a broad overview of some topics I'd never really studied before.

I wouldn't recommend trying to read more than a few sections at once, though; they tend to ramble a little bit and it gets a little tiring...

Occasionally, I felt as though the author's personal opinions crept in, but I can't say that it really impacted my experience of the book.

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## Tavo Art says

Excelente. Aprendí demasiado de este libro. Lectura recomendada para todos aquellos que gusten iniciarse en política.

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## Fanny says

Muy gustó por la cantidad de temas que abarca y el lenguaje accesible para introducirse en diferentes temas de actualidad

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## Luis Carpio says

Sin duda cada vez aprendo más sobre política, primero fué con un Mundo In(felíz) de Bruno Cardeñosa y ahora con este, las 50 cosas que debes saber sobre política, simplemente recomendado y enamorado.

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## Luis says

Acabo de terminar este libro de la cada vez más sobresaliente serie "50 cosas que hay que saber sobre..." y la verdad es que me va a ser difícil transmitir todo lo que he aprendido y disfrutado con este pequeño compendio de la política. Este ha sido, además, el primer libro del que he ido opinando capítulo a capítulo por Twitter.

Es un libro ideal para un neófito en el tema como yo, pero que podría tener poco para portar a alguien que ya tenga unas buenas nociones sobre el tema (después de todo, ésta es la tónica general de la colección). En estas páginas se recogen todo tipo de conceptos que están presentes continuamente en nuestros periódicos y nuestras vidas: desde las definiciones básicas de Libertad, Igualdad y Globalización hasta las corrientes más definidas como Comunismo, Liberalismo o Capitalismo, a la vez que se aportan algunos temas de reflexión como la corrupción, la ecología y un muy acertado último capítulo sobre las penurias en las que vivimos desde 2008, donde nadie comprende casi nada.

Me ha gustado el tono del autor, que va siempre de lo básico a lo conflictivo pero que se hace fácil de seguir. El sesgo político es mínimo, ya que todos los temas están igualmente representados y de todas las posturas enumera ventajas e inconvenientes. Es una forma agradable, casi gráfica de contar una historia que muchas veces se hace letárgica.

Lo recomiendo encarecidamente a todo aquél que quiera saber más sobre política pero no quiera estar preguntando todo el tiempo. De hecho, me parece un excelente libro de texto que se podría tener a mano en muchas clases de secundaria.

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## Carlos says

The book starts well, with basic political ideas and then moves along to political ideologies. It's here it starts to flounder: the author is obviously sympathetic to Marxism / Socialism and slips into apologetics when dealing with those subjects. Also, and from an European perspective, the lack of Christian Democracy (which is JUST the largest centre-right ideology post-WWII) is a huge flaw.

The rest of the book (after the ideological part ends) reads like filler (i.e. he had 40 political ideas and needed to get 10 more) and you get entries which are NOT political ideas (the UN??).

Good book for beginners, but be careful with bias.

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## Reem Alkhalaf says

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and 'ologies' that have shaped human culture, both western (capitalism) and non-western (the Caliphate), modern (feminism) and ancient (feudalism). Each section has a definition, a short history, and for word-ophiles, the etymological origins. It also deals with the many peripheral issues involved in politics - government propaganda, whether such a thing as a just war exists, does the media lead public opinion or follow it, etc.

If you've ever wondered what an anarchist actually stands for, you might enjoy it.

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## **Mohammed Alshanakhnakh says**

This should be your first read in politics. In 4 pages per idea, the author gives a brief history of the idea and the its founding philosophers, and discusses the different views and arguments around it. The 50 ideas in the book are:

- Liberty
- Justice
- Equality
- Human Rights
- The social contract
- Democracy
- Monarchy
- Tyranny
- Utopianism
- Revolution
- Anarchism
- Secularism
- Republicanism
- Capitalism
- Conservatism
- Liberalism
- Socialism
- Communism
- Social democracy
- Multiculturalism
- Labor movement
- Feminism
- Green movement
- Fascism
- Fundamentalism
- Islamism
- The state
- Constitutions
- Presidential system
- Parliaments
- Political parties
- Civil service
- Media

Propaganda  
Poverty  
Crime  
Security  
Intelligence  
Political violence  
Welfare  
Racism  
Corruption  
Political correctness  
Realism  
War  
Nationalism  
Imperialism  
Isolationism  
Globalization  
United Nations

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