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With an abundance of new essays reflecting the ever-changing landscape of world politics, the eighth edition of this renowned reader provides students with comprehensive coverage of the most important IR concepts, trends, and current issues. Edited by two of the most respected scholars in the field, this best-selling collection places contemporary essays alongside classics of the discipline and includes divergent views to ensure a balanced perspective. The presentation of alternative perspectives provides students with challenging material in the language of the field. The anthology presents clear, theoretical works that inspire a deeper understanding of the forces that shape today's world.

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Bmojaddidi says

a bunch of political and informative articles.... an excellent read though some articles are biased towards some group of people or some religious ideologies...

Zach Opsitnick says

A fascinating collection of essays and the editor really did a good job of tying everything together. Would definitely make a fine reference book.

Hossein Aghaie says

Without recourse to hyperbole, this is an IR bible, encapsulating a unique compilation of International Relations scholarship and works from Kenneth Waltz, Robert Jervis, Barry Buzan to new mover and shakers of the discipline. It is the most comprehensive coverage of important concepts, trends, and issues in international relation.

Star Shining Forever says

Great collection of articles on various issues in International Relations.

Michael says

Ah, memories. Re-reading this freshman poli-sci collection of essays that introduced me to the world of international political theory was a blast from the past. It's interesting to see how some things never change ("Offense, Defense, and the Security Dilemma"), others seem to come from a world long-gone - at least for now - ("Peace, Stability, and Nuclear Weapons"), and still others are purely academic in the face of my own real life experience ("Possible and Impossible Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars"). One 1975 essay ("International Terrorism" by Brian M. Jenkins) was eerily prescient in its three specific predictions of the development of terrorism: the development of a worldwide terrorist organization (al Qaida), more extravagant attacks than the airline hijacking of the 70s (9/11), and the employment of terrorist groups as means of surrogate warfare (Iran and Hezbollah).

NOTE: Read the 6th edition (2003)

Steven Peterson says

I once used the 1973 version of this book as a text when I taught International Relations. As an edited volume, its individual entries introduce students to a wide array of key essay.

Part One focuses on the anarchic environment of world politics, and the implications for understanding the behavior of states. Part Two explores the use of force, including special emphasis on force in the nuclear era. Part Three considers imperialism and its various explanations. The final segment looks to the future of world politics.

A fine, albeit dated, volume. . . .

Robert Greer says

Explains some interesting topics and theories without coming off as too bias. You have to be really interested in the subject matter to stay with it.

Camden Goetz says

Too conservative but a good collection of a variety of essays, needs more post/anti-colonial, marxist, feminist essays though instead of (or maybe in addition to) constructivism.
