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black white print american government 3e aligns with the topics and objectives of many government courses faculty involved in the project have endeavored to make government workings issues debates and impacts meaningful and memorable to students while maintaining the conceptual coverage and rigor inherent in the subject with this objective in mind the content of this textbook has been developed and arranged to provide a logical progression from the fundamental principles of institutional design at the founding to avenues of political participation to thorough coverage of the political structures that constitute american government the book builds upon what students have already learned and emphasizes connections between topics as well as between theory and applications the goal of each section is to enable students not just to recognize concepts but to work with them in ways that will be useful in later courses future careers and as engaged citizens in order to help students understand the ways that government society and individuals interconnect the revision includes more examples

and details regarding the lived experiences of diverse groups and communities within the united states the authors and reviewers sought to strike a balance between confronting the negative and harmful elements of american government history and current events while demonstrating progress in overcoming them in doing so the approach seeks to provide instructors with ample opportunities to open discussions extend and update concepts and drive deeper engagement

american government 2e is designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of the single semester american government course this title includes innovative features designed to enhance student learning including insider perspective features and a get connected module that shows students how they can get engaged in the political process the book provides an important opportunity for students to learn the core concepts of american government and understand how those concepts apply to their lives and the world around them

this vibrant illustrated guide to the ins and outs of united states politics provides a clearer understanding of the current events and regular processes that shape this nation and the world decipher the american political system with this clear easy to understand guide to the basics of the united states political system from the founding of the thirteen colonies to the foundations of the constitution to how elections work you ll also find information about the history and context of current issues like how supreme court justices are appointed the electoral college and the popular vote and how to get involved in the political process perfect for anyone looking for information on basic political processes the infographic guide to american government includes graphics that help simplify a range of topics from the revolutionary war to all about a free press

american government and politics is a completely new introductory textbook designed and written for all students of politics coming to the subject for the first time it provides a lively and accessible introduction and guide to all the main features and characteristics of one of the most distinctive and complex contemporary political systems in the world from the impeachment of bill clinton to the controversy surrounding the 2000 presidential election and the bush administration s responses to september 11 students will gain a balanced and critical understanding of all the key issues and debates in contemporary american government and politics today a number of key underlying themes include the nature of american values and identity the influence of the constitution on political development the ways in which key governing institutions function to produce domestic and foreign policy key

features include comprehensive glossary of key terms discussion and summary boxes web links and guides to further reading robert singh is a lecturer in politics at birkbeck college london american government and politics a concise introduction is the foundation companion text to contemporary american politics issues and controversies also published by sage rob singh has written a finely organized and informative textbook that combines to an unusually high degree analytical clarity accessibility of style and form and an enlightened scepticism about received wisdom this is an admirable book nigel bowles st anne s college oxford full of topical information and written with sparkling clarity this book is a short cut to excellence for the discriminating student rhodri jeffreys jones professor of american history university of edinburgh in american government and politics robert singh provides an excellent introduction to the subject his approach is wide ranging his examples well selected and his style is accessible it will make an ideal book for introductory and more advanced university courses on us government i strongly recommend the book to teachers and students desmond king mellon professor of american government university of oxford this is a well written and lively book that is an important addition to the ranks of textbooks on american politics one of its many virtues is its recognition that the textbook today is useful to a student only if it links to the world of web based resources highly recommended alan ware worcester college oxford

an updated guide to the american political system explains how the government works and the functions of its many parts covering such topics as the system of checks and balances the election process the constitution and the division of state and federal powers with new information on such issues as homeland security and campaign finance reform original

newly revised the basics of american government offers a comprehensive overview of the american political system for students taking introductory courses in american national government and combines the best aspects of both a traditional textbook and a reader the basics of american government is a collaborative effort among six current and three former faculty members in the department of political science international affairs and the department of criminal justice and a student contributor at the university of north georgia most of its chapters offer a piece of original scholarship as a case study bolstering the material in the chapter additionally most chapters present a civic engagement type exercise and discussion questions that are challenging and engaging and help foster student participation in the political system the purpose of this book is to offer a no frills low cost yet comprehensive

overview of the american political system for students taking introductory courses in american national government the authors undertook this project for several reasons most notably the high costs of textbooks for students and the lack of college level scholarship found in most american government texts this 470 page peer reviewed edited book that combines traditional material with original scholarship will cost students 27 99 well below market standards all of the authors are experienced classroom instructors subject matter experts and published researchers in the field of american politics

takes a sophisticated approach to big questions assess es the huge role of government in american life in an illuminating way frances fox piven despite widespread anti government sentiment in recent decades including complaints that it does too much and that it doesn t do enough the fact remains that government has improved the lives of americans in numerous ways from providing income food education housing and healthcare support to ensuring cleaner air water and food to providing a vast infrastructure upon which economic growth depends in what american government does stan luger and brian waddell offer a practical understanding of the scope and function of american governance they present a historical overview of the development of us governance that is rooted in the theoretical work of charles tilly karl polanyi and michael mann touching on everything from taxes welfare and national and domestic security to the government s regulatory developmental and global responsibilities each chapter covers a main function of american government and explains how it emerged and then evolved over time luger and waddell are careful to identify both the controversies related to what government does and those areas of government that should elicit concern and vigilance analyzing the functions of the us government in terms of both a tug of war and a collaboration between state and societal forces they provide a reading of american political development that dispels the myth of a weak minimal non interventionist state in a major contribution to the scholarly debate on the nature of the american state and the exercise of power in america

this exciting new book explores the role of government politics and policy in american lives full of real life applications and scenarios this text encourages and enables political thinking the second edition has been updated to include recent developments in u s politics and government this includes the description and analysis of the 2016 elections as well as the early trump administration chapters have expanded coverage of immigration policy environmental policy economic policy and global affairs including counterterrorism policy the text also includes

analysis of racial issues in contemporary american politics and law it also addresses questions about the state of the economy jobs and wages [hyperlinks and urls](#) provide deeper dives into various topics and examples of comparative politics

how the conflict between federal and state power has shaped american history american governance is burdened by a paradox on the one hand americans don t want big government meddling in their lives on the other hand they have repeatedly enlisted governmental help to impose their views regarding marriage abortion religion and schooling on their neighbors these contradictory stances on the role of public power have paralyzed policymaking and generated rancorous disputes about government s legitimate scope how did we reach this political impasse historian gary gerstle looking at two hundred years of u s history argues that the roots of the current crisis lie in two contrasting theories of power that the framers inscribed in the constitution one theory shaped the federal government setting limits on its power in order to protect personal liberty another theory molded the states authorizing them to go to extraordinary lengths even to the point of violating individual rights to advance the good and welfare of the commonwealth the framers believed these theories could coexist comfortably but conflict between the two has largely defined american history gerstle shows how national political leaders improvised brilliantly to stretch the power of the federal government beyond where it was meant to go but at the cost of giving private interests and state governments too much sway over public policy the states could be innovative too more impressive was their staying power only in the 1960s did the federal government impelled by the cold war and civil rights movement definitively assert its primacy but as the power of the central state expanded its constitutional authority did not keep pace conservatives rebelled making the battle over government s proper dominion the defining issue of our time from the revolution to the tea party and the bill of rights to the national security state liberty and coercion is a revelatory account of the making and unmaking of government in america

reproduction of the original the spirit of american government by j allen smith

this informative book teaches early readers about the important impact the government has on our lives readers will learn about taxes the three branches of government voting and more through bright images and supportive text a table of contents glossary and index are included to aid in helping readers better understand the content

the contemporary american political landscape has been marked by two paradoxical transformations the emergence after 1960 of an increasingly activist state and the rise of an assertive and politically powerful conservatism that strongly opposes activist government leading young scholars take up these issues in the transformation of american politics arguing that even conservative administrations have become more deeply involved in managing our economy and social choices they examine why our political system nevertheless has grown divided as never before over the extent to which government should involve itself in our lives the contributors show how these two closely linked trends have influenced the reform and running of political institutions patterns of civic engagement and capacities for partisan mobilization and fueled ever heightening conflicts over the contours and reach of public policy these transformations not only redefined who participates in american politics and how they do so but altered the substance of political conflicts and the capacities of rival interests to succeed representing both an important analysis of american politics and an innovative contribution to the study of long term political change this pioneering volume reveals how partisan discourse and the relationship between citizens and their government have been redrawn and complicated by increased government programs the contributors are andrea louise campbell jacob s hacker nolan mccarty suzanne mettler paul pierson theda skocpol mark a smith steven m teles and julian e zelizer

keep your government hands off my medicare such comments spotlight a central question animating suzanne mettler s provocative and timely book why are many americans unaware of government social benefits and so hostile to them in principle even though they receive them the obama administration has been roundly criticized for its inability to convey how much it has accomplished for ordinary citizens mettler argues that this difficulty is not merely a failure of communication rather it is endemic to the formidable presence of the submerged state in recent decades federal policymakers have increasingly shunned the outright disbursing of benefits to individuals and families and favored instead less visible and more indirect incentives and subsidies from tax breaks to payments for services to private companies these submerged policies mettler shows obscure the role of government and exaggerate that of the market as a result citizens are unaware not only of the benefits they receive but of the massive advantages given to powerful interests such as insurance companies and the financial industry neither do they realize that the policies of the submerged state shower their largest benefits on the most affluent americans exacerbating inequality mettler analyzes three obama reforms student aid tax relief and health care to reveal the submerged state and its consequences demonstrating how structurally difficult it is to enact

policy reforms and even to obtain public recognition for achieving them she concludes with recommendations for reform to help make hidden policies more visible and governance more comprehensible to all americans the sad truth is that many american citizens do not know how major social programs work or even whether they benefit from them suzanne mettler s important new book will bring government policies back to the surface and encourage citizens to reclaim their voice in the political process

a document that shaped a nation an authoritative analysis of the constitution of the united states and an enduring classic of political philosophy written by alexander hamilton james madison and john jay the federalist papers explain the complexities of a constitutional government its political structure and principles based on the inherent rights of man scholars have long regarded this work as a milestone in political science and a classic of american political theory based on the original mclean edition of 1788 and edited by noted historian clinton rossiter this special edition includes textual notes and a select bibliography by charles r kesler table of contents with a brief précis of each essay appendix with a copy of the constitution cross referenced to the federalist papers index of ideas that lists the major political concepts discussed copies of the declaration of independence and articles of confederation

four distinguished scholars in political science analyze american democracy from a comparative point of view exploring how the u s political system differs from that of thirty other democracies and what those differences ultimately mean for democratic performance this essential text approaches the following institutions from a political engineering point of view constitutions electoral systems and political parties as well as legislative executive and judicial power the text looks at democracies from around the world over a two decade time frame the result is not only a fresh view of the much discussed theme of american exceptionalism but also an innovative approach to comparative politics that treats the united states as but one case among many an ideal textbook for both american and comparative politics courses

a fresh accessible perspective on the fundamentals

to understand contemporary american politics and government students need to see how political ideas institutions and forces have developed over time the fourth edition of american government dwells on the seminal role played

by political memory and path dependency in shaping contemporary institutions political forces and public opinion as well as the critical choices that have caused them to shift course it provides a comprehensive depiction of current demographic political attitudinal and governmental facts trends and conditions each chapter begins with a detailed contemporary portrait of its subject

effective government requires that institutions be strong enough to control the efforts of organized entrenched special interests in favor of the broader interests shared but poorly articulated by most members of society recent changes in our institutions and in the problems they face raise doubts about the capacity of contemporary american government to handle these parochial forces congress has seemingly become more fragmented the presidency more politicized and the bureaucracy more labyrinthine after a decade or more of trying our institutions have not mastered a variety of problems the budget deficit the trade imbalance and energy insecurity that threaten society's general interest in an economic future as bright as its past can the government govern argues that the problem is inherently and substantially institutional and discusses the politically difficult requirements for overcoming it in so doing this volume opens the debate and public discussion necessary for change contributors include john e chubb writing on energy policy david b yoffie on trade policy paul e peterson and mark rom on macroeconomic policy samuel kernell on the presidency kenneth a shesple on congress and terry m moe on the bureaucracy

revised and updated with a new chapter on urban politics and full coverage of the clinton administration government and politics of the united states provides a broad ranging systematic and sophisticated introduction to the contemporary institutions and processes of government in the usa set in a clear historical context

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the brief edition of american government stories of a nation outlines the crucial areas and helps guide students along to what they should know i am confident this approach is what students are looking for frank fuller chestnut hill college american government is not just one story it's many stories our stories and they are still being told in american government stories of a nation author scott abernathy tunes in to the voices of america's people showing how diverse ideas throughout our nation's history have shaped our political institutions our identities the way we participate and behave the laws we live by and the challenges we face his storytelling approach brings the core concepts of government to life making them meaningful and memorable and allowing all students to see themselves reflected in the pages for the new brief edition abernathy has carefully condensed and updated the content from the full version giving your students the information they need and the stories they relate to in a more concise value oriented package curious how storytelling can boost learning in your classroom read a free whitepaper that explains the research a complete teaching learning package free poster what can you do with a political science degree sage premium video included in the interactive ebook sage premium video tools and resources boost comprehension and bolster analysis preview a video interactive ebook includes access to sage premium video interactive data exercises multimedia tools and much more save when you bundle the interactive

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in this introductory american politics text cal jillson provides not only a sense of how politics works today but also how institutions systems political participation and policies have developed over time to produce today s political environment in the united states this historical context provides the necessary backdrop for students to understand why things work the way they do now going one step further the book identifies critical reforms and how american democracy might work better in a streamlined presentation jillson delivers a concise and engaging narrative to help students understand the complexities and importance of american politics key features the 4th edition is thoroughly updated including full analysis of the 2006 mid term elections and shift in partisan control of congress chapter opening focus questions illustrative figures and charts let s compare and pro con boxes key terms time lines and end of chapter suggested readings and web resources companion website for students americangovernment routledge com features chapter summaries focus questions practice quizzes glossary flashcards participation activities and links instructor s resources on the web and on cd rom including testbank instructor s manual figures and tables from the text and lecture outlines

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the new edition of this text examines the bush presidency and the 2004 election the first administration under george w bush the terrorist attacks of september 11 and the invasion of iraq are included giving students an understanding of the nature of presidential power

this ambitious well written book will be a useful resource for scholars an excellent overview a fine readable introduction that presents its analysis in a straightforward manner free from ideological baggage congress the presidency a refreshingly unorthodox narrative campbell explains in plain language how government grew his stance is neither liberal nor conservative but simply well informed and reasonable walter nugent university of notre dame the canvas is large but one comes away from the book with an understanding of what has happened the factors contributing to these developments and their consequences strongly recommended samuel mcseveney vanderbilt university ballard campbell has synthesized an amazing range of material federal state and even local studies from history political science economics and assorted other specialized studies the product is a strikingly comprehensive and readable history of the rise of government in the usa even better it provides a coherent explanation of why the state grew so large richard jensen university of illinois chicago his overview chapter 2 should be a compulsory assignment for any seminar on modern political culture the journal of american history campbell s book is a marvelous multidisciplinary synthesis that builds on the findings of historians of national state and local government along with those of economists and political scientists to provide a coherent account of the rise of modern american governing structures journal of interdisciplinary history the book should be useful in the classroom even for freshmen classes in u s history and government american historical review readable and refreshingly unorthodox campbell provides a coherent explanation of how and why government has become so

large his book deserves inclusion in any undergraduate bibliography covering the development of american government political studies association this engaging survey of the growth of government in america in the last century focuses on the evolution of public policy and its relationship to the constitutional and political structure of government at the federal state and local levels

this book concerns accountability and the institution initially set up for the purpose of assuring accountability for governmental performance it enhances understanding of the nature of the general accounting office gao as an institution and its role in the american system of government

providing practical concrete teaching strategies alongside relevant methodology and scholarship this book offers a pedagogical approach for centering students democratic citizenship and political engagement in american government courses

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this searching analysis of what has been called america s longest war was commissioned by the senate committee on foreign relations to achieve an improved understanding of american participation in the conflict part i begins with truman s decision at the end of world war ii to accept french reoccupation of indochina rather than to seek the international trusteeship favored earlier by roosevelt it then discusses u s support of the french role and u s determination to curtail communist expansion in asia originally published in 1986 the princeton legacy library uses the latest print on demand technology to again make available previously out of print books from the distinguished backlist of princeton university press these editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions the goal of the princeton legacy library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by princeton university press since its founding in 1905

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The Curious Case of 30 Inches: Unpacking the Feet-to-Inches Enigma

Ever stared at a piece of furniture, its dimensions listed in inches, and wondered how that translates to the familiar feet we use to measure rooms? The seemingly simple question – "30 inches is how many feet?" – actually opens a door to a surprisingly rich understanding of measurement systems and their practical application. While the answer might seem instantly calculable, diving deeper reveals a fascinating interplay between units, conversions, and everyday scenarios where this knowledge proves indispensable. Let's embark on this journey of measurement mastery together.

Understanding the Fundamentals: Inches and Feet

Before we tackle the 30-inch puzzle, let's establish a firm grasp on the players involved: inches and feet. Both are units of length within the imperial system of measurement, predominantly used in the United States. One foot is defined as precisely 12 inches. This seemingly small detail is the key to unlocking all inch-to-foot conversions. Think of it like this: a foot is like a ruler, neatly divided into 12 equal parts, each part being an inch. This fundamental relationship forms the bedrock of our conversion process. Imagine building with LEGO bricks: each inch is a single brick, and a foot is a row of twelve.

The Calculation: Deconstructing 30 Inches

Now, armed with our fundamental knowledge, let's tackle the central question: how many feet are in 30 inches? The solution is straightforward division: we simply divide the total number of inches (30) by the number of inches in a foot (12). $30 \text{ inches} / 12 \text{ inches/foot} = 2.5 \text{ feet}$ Therefore, 30 inches is equal to 2.5 feet, or two and a half feet. This simple calculation is the cornerstone of any imperial unit conversion involving inches and feet.

| Real-World Applications: Where This Knowledge Matters

The seemingly simple conversion of 30 inches to 2.5 feet has wide-ranging practical applications. Consider these scenarios: Interior Design and Home Improvement: When planning a room layout, knowing that a 30-inch-wide sofa translates to 2.5 feet allows for accurate space planning. This prevents the frustration of ordering furniture that doesn't fit the intended space. Construction and Carpentry: Precise measurements are crucial in construction. Converting inches to feet ensures accuracy in cutting lumber, laying flooring, or installing fixtures. A 30-inch beam becomes a 2.5-foot beam on the blueprint, making communication and calculations clear. Sewing and Tailoring: Even in the world of fashion, understanding inch-to-foot conversions is beneficial. Pattern pieces might be given in inches, but the overall garment length is often described in feet. This knowledge ensures accurate garment construction. Gardening and Landscaping: Planning a garden bed or laying out landscaping features often involves measurements in both inches and feet. Converting accurately helps in creating balanced and aesthetically pleasing designs.

| Beyond the Basics: Handling More Complex Conversions

While 30 inches to 2.5 feet is a straightforward example, the same principle applies to converting any number of inches into feet. Simply divide the total number of inches by 12. For instance, 48 inches would be 4 feet ($48/12 = 4$), and 72 inches would be 6 feet ($72/12 = 6$). Understanding this process empowers you to handle any inch-to-foot conversion with ease. Remember that you might end up with a fractional answer (like our 2.5 feet), which is perfectly acceptable and often necessary for accuracy.

| Conclusion: Mastering Measurement for Everyday Life

The seemingly trivial question of “30 inches is how many feet?” unlocks a deeper understanding of the imperial measurement system and its practical applications. By grasping the fundamental relationship between inches and

feet and mastering the simple division process, we can tackle everyday measurement challenges with confidence and accuracy. This knowledge extends far beyond simple conversions, impacting various fields from interior design to construction, demonstrating the power of a seemingly basic mathematical concept.

Expert FAQs:

1. Q: How do I convert feet back into inches? A: Multiply the number of feet by 12. For example, 2.5 feet 12 inches/foot = 30 inches. 2. Q: Can I use a calculator for these conversions? A: Absolutely! Calculators simplify the process, especially for more complex conversions. 3. Q: What if I have inches and feet together in a measurement (e.g., 5 feet 6 inches)? How do I convert that entirely to inches? A: Convert the feet to inches (5 feet 12 inches/foot = 60 inches) and then add the remaining inches (60 inches + 6 inches = 66 inches). 4. Q: Are there online converters for inches to feet? A: Yes, many websites offer free online conversion tools for various units of measurement, including inches and feet. 5. Q: Why is the imperial system still used in some places when the metric system is considered more efficient? A: The imperial system's continued use in some regions is a result of historical inertia and the costs associated with a complete system-wide changeover. While the metric system offers advantages in consistency and ease of conversion, the entrenched use of imperial units in certain industries and countries remains a significant factor.

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