



Political Fix: How Should We Get American Politics Back on Track? (Paperback)

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National Issues Forums Institute, United States, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The view that something is amiss in American government is now widely shared. We have been studying Washington politics and Congress for more than 40 years, say scholars Tomas E. Mann and Norman Ornstein, and never have we seen them this dysfunctional. Even some elected officials acknowledge they have a problem. We need to change the way we do business, says Tom Udall, a Democratic senator from New Mexico. Right now, we have gridlock. We have delay. We have obstruction, and we don't have any accountability. The troubles facing American politics are varied and complex. Observers point to a wide range of developments that, if left unchecked, are likely to further weaken the effectiveness of government. These include: The flood of corporate money into American political campaigns. The growing influence of lobbyists and special interest groups. The increasing polarization and rancor of our political discourse. Structural impediments, such as current redistricting laws that limit ballot choices and skew election results. The permanent campaign that encourages lawmakers to focus on short-term gains instead of long-term solutions. Political leaders acting in their own interests rather...



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