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the core elements of one: to defend the nation's security, to assist those who are trying to build free societies, and to maintain and form alliances that promote a stable world order. For such a policy to have credibility with the American people and gain the support of both Democrats and Republicans, its advocates will have to show that they have absorbed the lessons of past U.S. engagements in Iraq and elsewhere—the mistakes as well as the successes.

Rice's book is an important first step in identifying some of those lessons. Its strength is in linking the argument for renewed U.S. leadership to America's national identity and its long struggle "to make 'We the people' as inclusive as possible." This experience explains why the United States, despite all its problems, remains in Rice's view "a north star for those seeking liberty" in the world. Her own personal history and her strong belief that the United States must become a better democracy can enable Rice to be a leading voice in shaping a new common narrative for the United States regarding not just foreign policy but American democracy itself. Never in recent memory has such a unifying vision been more urgently needed.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

The books listed below were recently received by the editors. A listing here does not preclude a review in a future issue.

Advanced Democracies

The CIA and the Politics of US Intelligence Reform. By Brent Durbin. Cambridge University Press, 2017. 330 pp.

First to the Party: The Group Origins of Political Transformation. By Christopher Baylor. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018. 321 pp.

Impeachment: A Citizen's Guide. By Cass R. Sunstein. Harvard University Press, 199 pp.

Making Sense of the Alt-Right. By George Hawley. Columbia University Press, 2017. 218 pp.

Political Opportunities for Climate Policy: California, New York, and the Federal Government. By Roger Karapin. Cambridge University Press, 2016. 344 pp.

Africa

Boko Haram: The History of an African Jihadist Movement. By Alexander Thurston. Princeton University Press, 2018. 333 pp.

Burkina Faso: A History of Power, Protest, and Revolution. By Ernest Harsch. Zed Books, 2017. 287 pp.

Asia

The Contentious Public Sphere: Law, Media, and Authoritarian Rule in China. By Ya-Wen Lei. Princeton University Press, 2018. 284 pp.

South Korea's New Nationalism: The End of "One Korea"? By Emma Campbell. Lynne Rienner, 2016. 226 pp.

Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union

Regime Dynamics in EU's Eastern Neighbourhood: EU Democracy Promotion, International Influences, and Domestic Contexts. By Sergiu Buscaneanu. Palgrave Macmillan, 2016. 270 pp.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Democracy and its Discontents in Latin America. Edited by Joe Foweraker and Dolores Trevizo. Lynne Rienner, 2017. 325 pp.

Democratic Brazil Divided. Edited by Peter R. Kingstone and Timothy J. Power. University of Pittsburgh Press, 2017. 301 pp.

Regime Support Beyond the Balance Sheet: Participation and Policy Performance in Latin America. By Matthew Rhodes-Purdy. Cambridge University Press, 2017. 268 pp.

The Resurgence of Populism in Latin America. By Robert R. Barr. Lynne Rienner, 2017. 251 pp.

State Crisis in Fragile Democracies: Polarization and Political Regimes in South America. By Samuel Handlin. Cambridge University Press, 2017. 321 pp.

Venezuela's Polarized Politics: The Paradox of Direct Democracy Under Chávez. By Ana L. Mallen and María Pilar García-Guadilla. Lynne Rienner, 2017. 171 pp.

Comparative, Theoretical, General

The Anticorruption Report 4: Beyond the Panama Papers. The Performance of EU Good Governance Promotion. Edited by Alina Mungiu-Pippidi and Jana Warkotsch. Barbara Budrich Publishers, 2017. 127 pp.

Campaigning Culture and the Global Cold War: The Journals of the Congress for Cultural Freedom. Edited by Giles Scott-Smith and Charlotte Lerg. Palgrave Macmillan, 2017. 331 pp.

Conservative Parties and the Birth of Democracy. By Daniel Ziblatt. Cambridge University Press, 2017. 427 pp.

Constraining Elites in Russia and Indonesia: Political Participation and Regime Survival. By Danielle N. Lussier. Cambridge University Press, 2016. 313 pp.

Exclusion by Elections: Inequality, Ethnic Identity, and Democracy. By John D. Huber. Cambridge University Press, 2017. 204 pp.

How to Do Things with International Law. By Ian Hurd. Princeton University Press, 2017. 187 pp.

Militants, Criminals, and Warlords: The Challenge of Local Governance in an Age of Disorder. By Vanda Felbab-Brown, Harold Trinkunas, and Shadi Hamid. Brookings Institution Press, 2017. 177 pp.

Nothing Ever Dies: Vietnam and the Memory of War. By Viet Thanh Nguyen. Harvard University Press, 2016. 374 pp.

The Ordinary Virtues: Moral Order in a Divided World. By Michael Ignatieff. Harvard University Press, 2017. 263 pp.

Parties, Movements, and Democracy in the Developing World. Edited by Nancy Bermeo and Deborah J. Yashar. Cambridge University Press, 2016. 227 pp.

Secularism: Politics, Religion, and Freedom. By Andrew Copson. Oxford University Press, 2017. 153 pp.

The Sovereignty Wars: Reconciling America with the World. By Stewart Patrick. Brookings Institution Press, 2018. 336 pp.

Teachers of the People: Political Education in Rousseau, Hegel, Tocqueville, and Mill. By Dana Villa. University of Chicago Press, 2017. 367 pp.

Transitions to Good Governance: Creating Virtuous Circles of Anti-Corruption. Edited by Alina Mungiu-Pippidi and Michael Johnston. Edward Elgar, 2017. 301 pp.