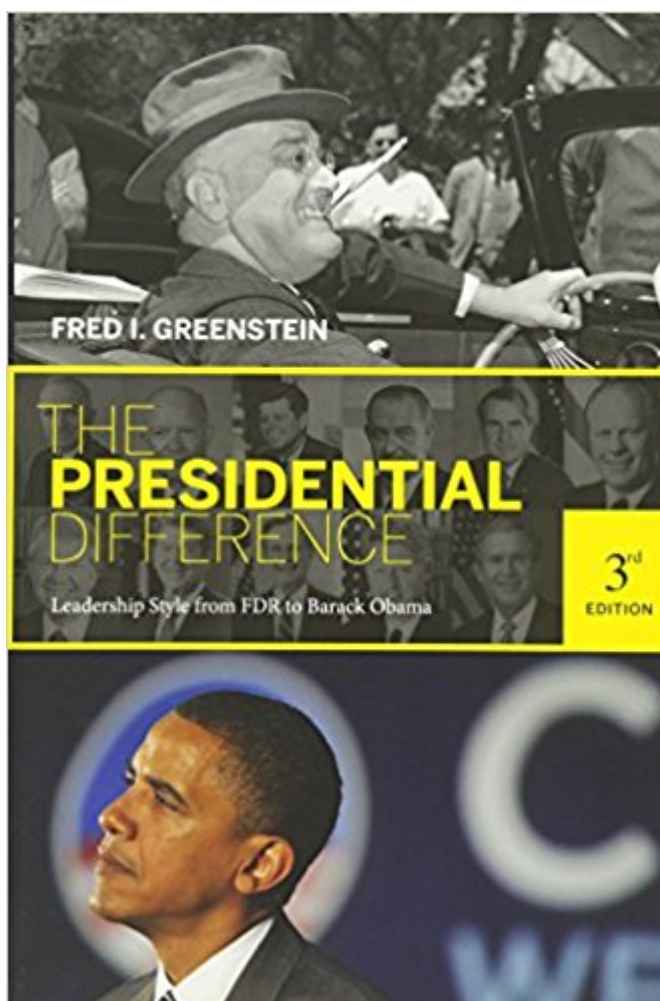


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Fred I. Greenstein has long been one of our keenest observers of the modern presidency. In *The Presidential Difference*, he provides a fascinating and instructive account of the presidential qualities that have served well and poorly in the Oval Office, beginning with Franklin D. Roosevelt's first hundred days. He surveys each president's political skill, vision, cognitive style, organizational capacity, ability to communicate, and emotional intelligence--and argues that the last is the most important in predicting presidential success. Throughout, Greenstein offers a series of bottom-line judgments on each of his thirteen subjects as well as an overarching theory of why presidents succeed or fail. In this new edition, Greenstein assesses President George W. Bush in the wake of his two terms. The book also includes a new chapter on the leadership style of President Obama and how we can expect it to affect his presidency and legacy.

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I use *The Presidential Difference* to stimulate discussion in a college-level White House simulation about the factors that account for presidential success. Students grasp the concepts quickly and are able to apply the factors to other leadership settings.

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Superb reading for history and political folks.

This is a great book. Greenstein writes an easy, riveting read that properly analyzes each presidency. For anyone who would like to know more about the modern presidency in a quick and easy read this is it.

I had to get this for a class, and I actually really liked it. The class was required for me so this isn't a subject I am very interested, but as a US citizen this book was really informational and something other people should read.

Awesome book. Helped a lot in my American Presidency class, some info is missing when compared to older versions, but it's a great read nonetheless.

Thanks!

The book appears well made, I am wholly satisfied. There was a little bit of boxing around the top right of the front cover but that's probably just from shipping and a little unavoidable. 4/5.

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