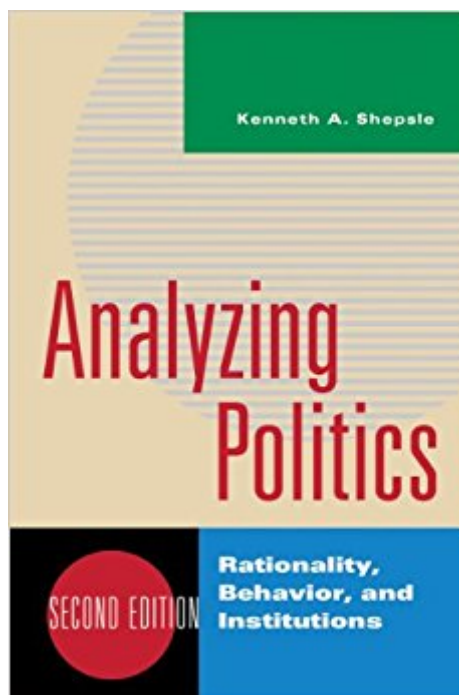




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Great for learning about individual and group rationale with basic statistical formulas. Not at all daunting, easy to read and learn- great segue-way.

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