THE QUALITY OF GOVERNMENT BO ROTHSTEIN

The relationship between government, virtue, and wealth has held a special fascination since Aristotle, and the importance of each frames policy debates today in both developed and developing countries. While it's clear that low-quality government institutions have tremendous negative effects on the health and wealth of societies, the criteria for good governance remain far from clear.

In this pathbreaking book, leading political scientist Bo Rothstein provides a theoretical foundation for empirical analysis on the connection between the quality of government and important economic, political, and social outcomes. Focusing on the effects of government policies, he argues that unpredictable actions constitute a severe impediment to economic growth and development—and that a basic characteristic of quality government is impartiality in the exercise of power. This is borne out by cross-sectional analyses, experimental studies, and in-depth historical investigations. Timely and topical, *The Quality of Government* tackles such issues as political legitimacy, social capital, and corruption.

Bo Rothstein is the August Röhss Chair in Political Science at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. He is the author of several books, including, most recently, *Social Traps and the Problem of Trust*.

THE QUALITY OF Corruption, Social Trust, and Inequality in International Perspective GOVERN≠ MENT BO ROTHSTEIN

304 pages | 14 halftones, 2 line drawings, 14 tables | © 2011 Paperback list price \$27.50 \$22.00 | ISBN 978-0-226-72957-2 20% discount

Praise for The Quality of Government

"Rothstein makes a convincing case that government corruption reduces social trust, which in turn leads to less productive social-political economies and more inequality. Recognizing the full causal chain is essential to achieving success in efforts to improve the welfare of the poor living in corrupt countries. Rothstein's book should be read by all concerned with development inequities."—Elinor Ostrom, Indiana University

"This is social science at its best. Ranging widely over the literatures in political science, sociology, economics, and many other fields, Bo Rothstein sheds light on why some governments work better and instill more trust than others—and provides much practical policy advice on the side."—Dani Rodrik, Harvard University

SEE REVERSE FOR ORDERING INFORMATION



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PRESS www.press.uchicago.edu

ORDER FORM

Mail Orders to:

University of Chicago Press, 11030 S. Langley Avenue, Chicago, IL 60628 Telephone: 1-800-621-2736 (U.S.A. only); 773-702-7000 Facsimile: 1-800-621-8476 (U.S.A. only); 773-702-7212 E-mail: orders@press.uchicago.edu http://www.press.uchicago.edu

Please send me the following book(s). I understand that if for any reason I am not satisfied with my purchase, I may return it within 30 days of receipt for a full refund or cancellation of the charges.

Prices and information reflect what is current at time of printing and are subject to change without notice. Please pay estimated prices on forthcoming books. They will be shipped as soon as they are available. Credit cards are charged at time of shipment. Payment must be in U.S. dollars.

Please print or type.

Quan.	ISI	3N:	Author/Title	Price
	9780226	729572	Bo Rothstein/The Quality of Government	\$ 22.00 paper
Total Order \$ _		(IL residents add 9.75%, IN residents	Shipping and handling \$ TOTAL P. Add \$5.00 for the first book and \$1.00 for each additional book. For orders outside the U.S. add \$9.50 for the first	AYMENT \$
		 Iccal sales tax.) (Canadians add 5% GST.) UC Press remits GST to Revenue Canada. Your books will be shipped from inside Canada, and you will not be assessed Canada Post's border handling fee.) 	book and \$5.00 for each additional book. Street ad- dresses are required for UPS/RPS shipping.	
Check or	money or	ler enclosed DPlease	e charge 🔲 MasterCard 🖵 Visa Ca	rd expires
Credit card #				
NAME				
ADDRESS				
ADDRESS				
CITY/STATE OR PROVINCE			ZIP OR POSTAL CODE CO	DUNTRY