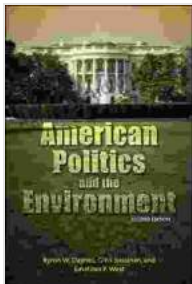


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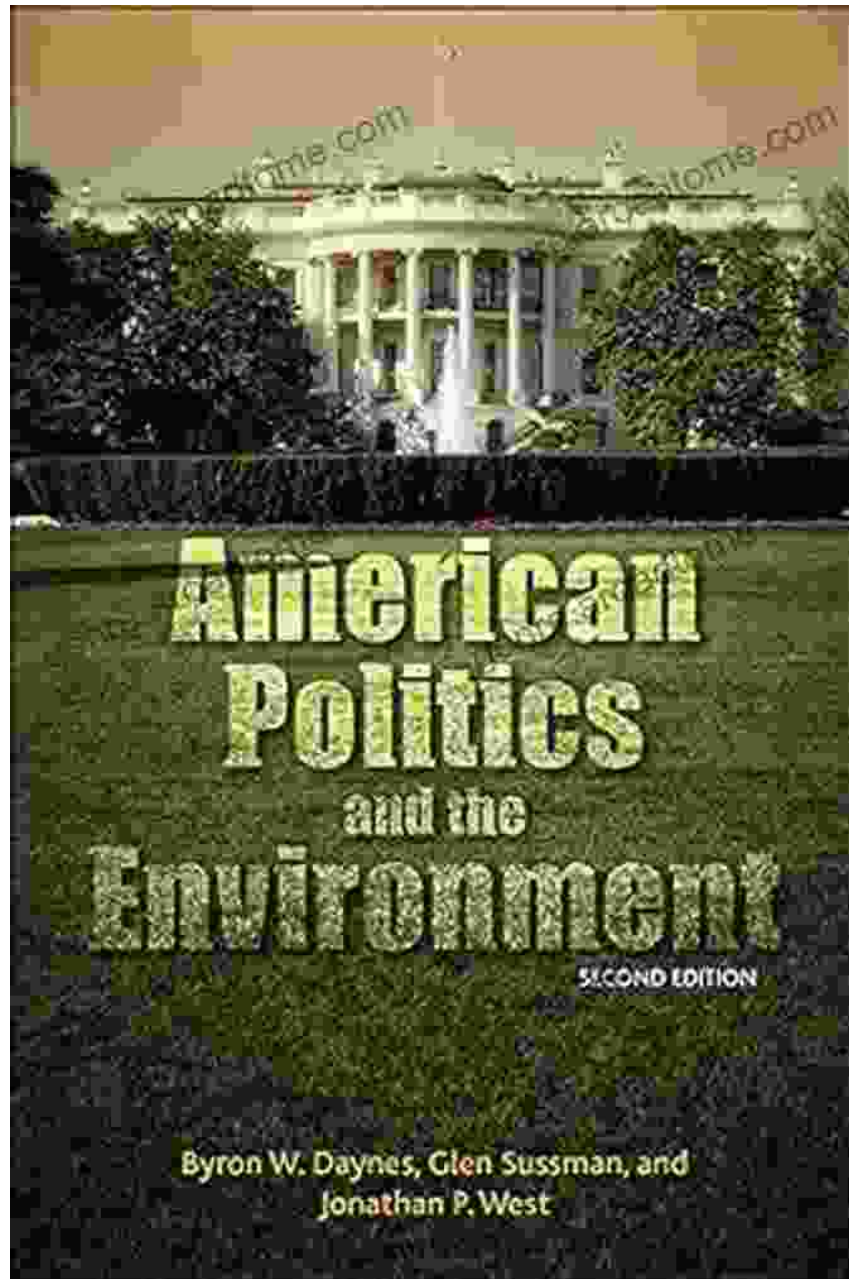
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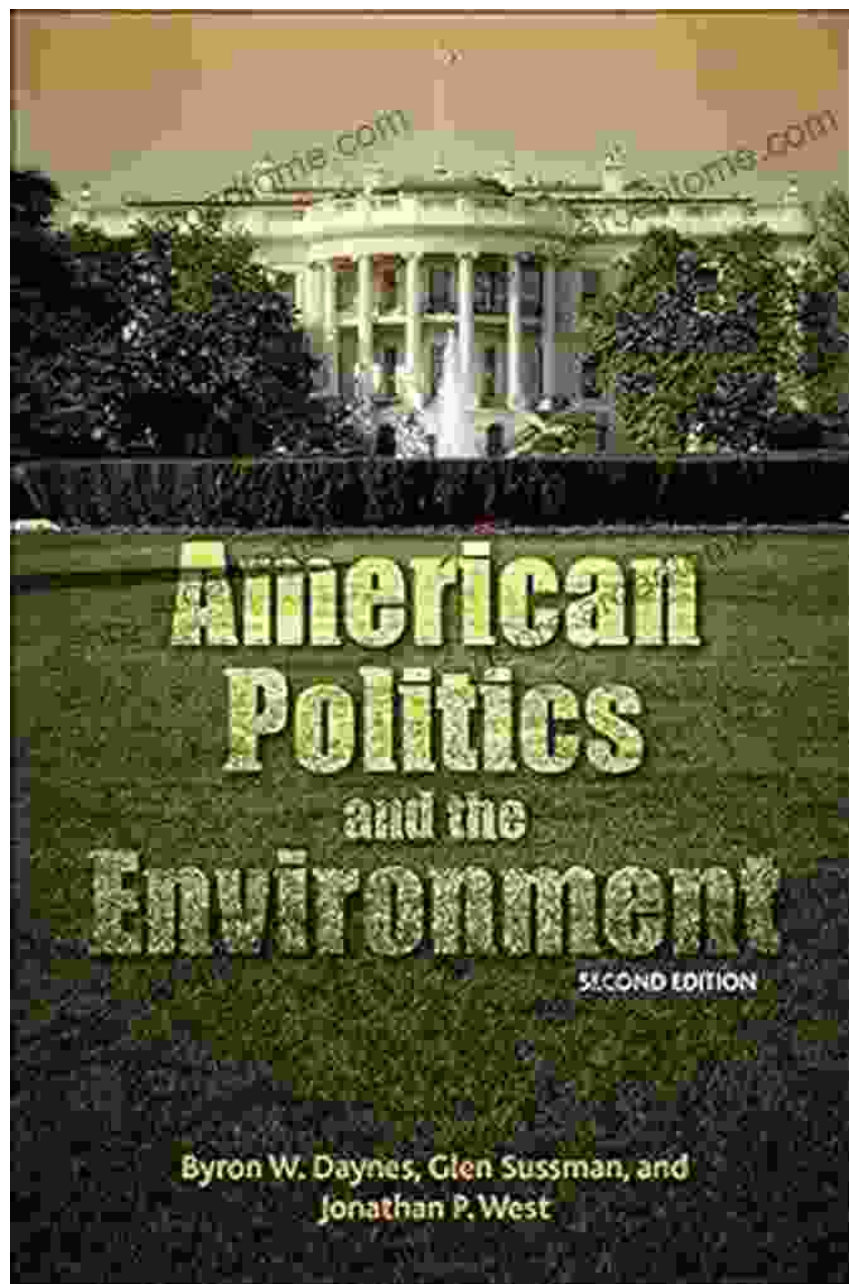
The roots of American environmentalism extend back to the 19th century, with the rise of conservation movements concerned with preserving natural resources. As the nation industrialized, concerns about pollution and environmental degradation escalated. The Progressive Era witnessed the creation of national parks and the establishment of the Forest Service.



## **The Environmental Revolution**

The 1960s marked a turning point in American environmentalism. Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" raised public awareness about the dangers of pesticides. Earth Day in 1970 catalyzed widespread support for environmental protection, leading to the creation of the Environmental

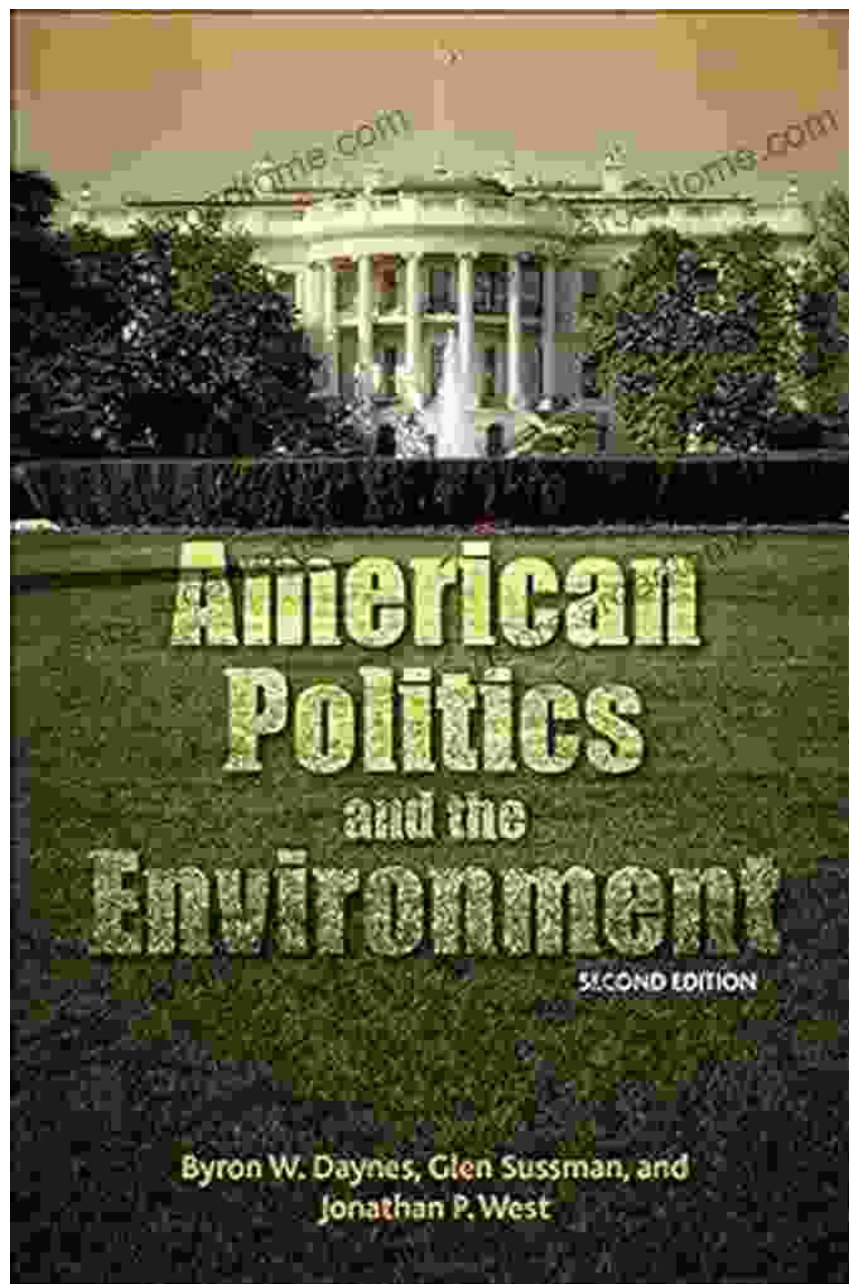
Protection Agency (EPA) and the passage of landmark legislation such as the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act.



## **Political Polarization**

Despite these early successes, environmental policymaking has become increasingly polarized in recent years. The Republican Party has generally taken a more pro-business stance, while the Democratic Party has favored

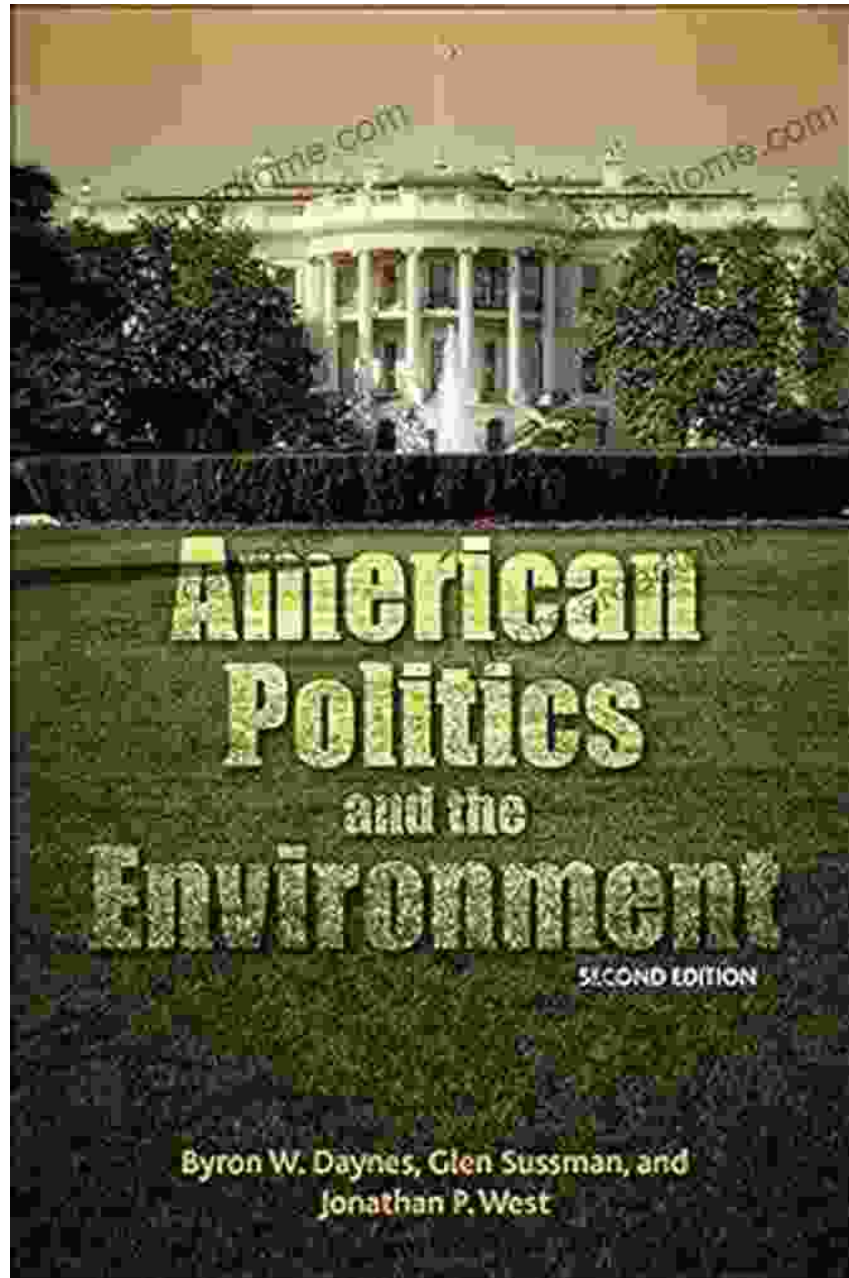
stronger environmental regulations. This partisan divide has made it difficult to find common ground on many environmental issues.



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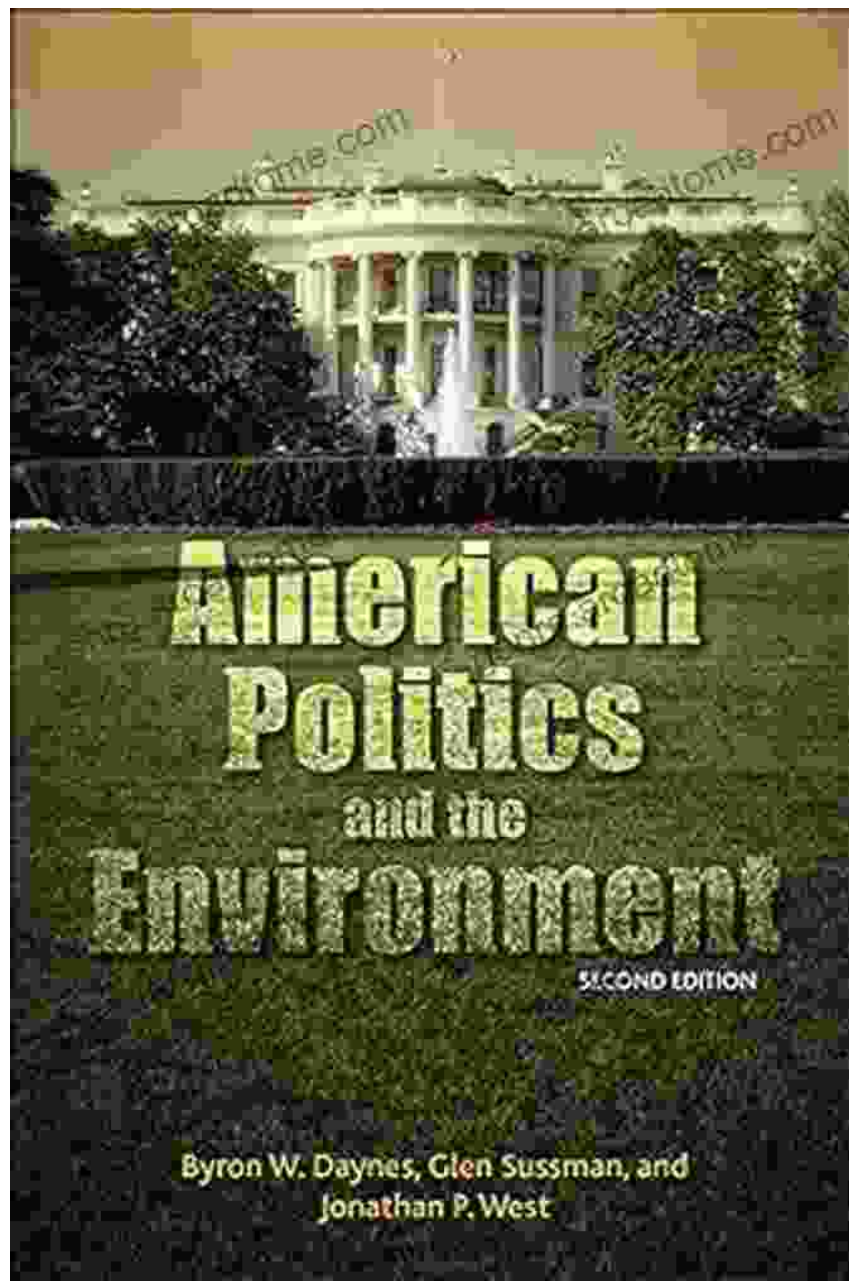
and the skepticism of some policymakers. It also explores the potential for renewable energy sources to transition towards a cleaner and more sustainable future.



## **Environmental Justice**

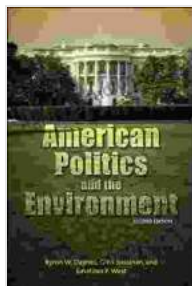
Environmental justice, the fair distribution of environmental benefits and burdens, has become a critical issue. The book highlights the

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