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R. D. Putnam and B. A. Rockman's *Bureaucrats and Politicians in Western Democracies* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1981) is an obvious point of reference). And the admittedly thin quantitative literature on bureaucratic careers and attitudes might have been better tapped in support of the description of the bureaucratic experience. Finally, the authors' faith in the maturity and competence of the merit-based senior civil service, while an important counterbalance to the public choice literature, does not join issue with that literature by considering the incentive structures provided by the intersections of Public Service Bureaucracies I, II and III. "Efficiency" is considered primarily as an "idea" deriving from American influences, and is treated not so much as an economic or administrative concept as it is in terms of its political implications in legitimizing Public Service Bureaucracy III.

In addressing issues of bureaucratic control and reform in Canada, neither Sutherland and Doern's traditional perspective nor the public choice emphasis on incentives and their efficiency implications should be ignored—in the policy arena or in the classroom. The Sutherland and Doern book stands as a reminder of the importance of one of these sets of considerations.

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## The Revised Canadian Constitution: Politics as Law

R. I. Cheffins and P. A. Johnson  
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Ronald Cheffins and Patricia Johnson have written an excellent overview of the Canadian constitutional system. They are both lawyers (Cheffins was recently appointed to the British Columbia Court of Appeal) and their book shows a strong grasp of the formal legal aspects of the constitution. But it goes well beyond the purely legal dimension and relates the constitution to political history, ideology and culture. Indeed, it is without a doubt the best English-language text now available for political science courses on the Canadian constitution.

This book is much more than a revision of the earlier volume by Cheffins and Tucker on *The Constitutional Process in Canada* (Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1976). It provides a full account of the so-called "new" constitution, the political events that led up to it and its implications for the governance of Canada. The authors put the *Constitution Act, 1982* in perspective by carefully analyzing how it is grafted on to a much larger, enduring body of constitutional law and practice. One of the strengths of their book is its blend of historical and contemporary analysis. There are succinct but lucid accounts of the origins of responsible government and the federal system as well as coverage of more recent constitutional negotiations.

On balance, Cheffins and Johnson are quite critical of the 1982 constitutional settlement. In their view, because it was negotiated hurriedly, under the threat of federal unilateralism, not enough consideration was given to the tendency of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to Americanize our system of government by transforming political issues into law cases to be settled by the judiciary. Even worse, they argue, are the implications of the patriated amending formula. Not only does it make the Canadian constitution much more difficult to change but, because the "new" constitution did not touch the most fundamental flaws in the old, the rigidity of the new amending process will be a major obstacle to the kind of constitutional change which is most needed—namely, reducing executive domination of the parliamentary system.

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