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Sommario/riassunto	Political Parties and Elections presents a comparative analysis of the ways in which advanced industrial democracies - specifically the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand - seek to regulate the activities of political parties in electoral contests. Utilizing an interdisciplinary theoretical framework, author Anika Gauja surveys electoral law and ancillary legislation to analyze the case law that guides the interpretation of this legislation.

