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from the battlefields of medieval italy to the gilded halls of the vatican and the grandeur of renaissance courts the farnese family carved a legacy of power ambition and cultural patronage that shaped the course of european history rising from humble feudal origins the farnese ascended through strategic marriages military prowess and shrewd political alliances embedding themselves at the heart of italian and papal power at the pinnacle of their influence they produced a pope commanded vast duchies and commissioned some of the most celebrated works of renaissance art and architecture this book unveils the extraordinary journey of the farnese from knights and warlords to cardinals and dukes revealing the intricate web of diplomacy warfare and patronage that sustained their dynasty through intrigue betrayal and triumph the farnese em pire explores how this remarkable family left an indelible mark on the political and cul tural landscape of renaissance italy for readers fascinated by the interplay of power history and art this is a compelling portrait of one of italy s most formidable dynasties

in vielen westlichen ländern sind rechte nationalistische bewegungen auf dem vormarsch wie ist es dazu gekommen arlie russell hochschild reiste ins herz der amerikanischen rechten nach louisiana und suchte fünf jahre lang das gespräch mit ihren landsleuten sie traf auf frustrierte menschen deren amerikanischer traum geplatzt ist menschen die sich abgehängt fühlen den staat hassen und sich der rechtspopulistischen tea party bewegung angeschlossen haben hochschild zeigt eine beunruhigende entwicklung auf die auch in europa längst begonnen hat hochschilds reportage ist nicht nur eine erhellende deutung einer gespaltenen gesellschaft sondern auch ein bewegendes stück literatur jeder der das moderne amerika verstehen möchte sollte dieses faszinierende buch lesen robert reich ein kluges respektvolles und fesselndes buch new york times book review eine anrührende warmherzige und souverän geschriebene ungemein gut lesbare teilnehmende beobachtung wer ihr buch liest versteht die wähler trumps weil sie auf augenhöhe mit ihnen und nicht über sie spricht faz

most americans admire the determination and drive of artists athletes and ceos but they seem to despise similar ambition in their elected officials the structure of political representation and the

separation of powers detailed in the united states co

fundraising for the party has rapidly replaced more traditional criteria for advancement and other rewards in congress

speaking of cabinet appointments he d made as governor presidential candidate mitt romney famously spoke of having whole binders full of women to consider the line was much mocked and yet kaitlin sidorsky suggests it raises a point long overlooked in discussions of the gender gap in politics many more women are appointed rather than elected to political office analyzing an original survey of political appointments at all levels of state government all roads lead to power offers an expanded more nuanced view of women in politics this book also questions the manner in which political ambition particularly among women is typically studied and understood in a deep comparative analysis of appointed and elected state positions all roads lead to power highlights how the differences between being appointed or elected explain why so many more women serve in appointed offices these women sidorsky finds are not always victims of a much cited lack of self confidence or ambition or of a biased political sphere more often they make a conscious decision to enter politics through what they believe is a far less partisan and negative entry point furthermore sidorsky s research reveals that many women end up in political appointments at all levels not because they are ambitious to hold public office but because the work connects with their personal lives or careers with its groundbreaking research and insights into the ambitions recruitment and motivations of appointed officials sidorsky s work broadens our conception of political representation and alters our understanding of how and why women pursue and achieve political power

millennials are often publically criticized for being apathetic about the american political process and their lack of interest in political careers shames suggests that millennials are not uninterested but they don t believe that a career in politics is the best way to create change millennials view the system as corrupt or inefficient and are skeptical about the fundraising frenzied media attention and loss of privacy that have become staples of the american electoral process they are clear about their desire to make a difference in the world but feel that the broken political system is not the best way to do so

der kampf gegen gipfel vermag ein menschenherz auszufüllen wir müssen uns sisyphos als einen glücklichen menschen vorstellen albert camus berühmter essay eines seiner wichtigsten philosophischen werke kreist um die zentrale frage ob das leben die mühe gelebt zu werden lohnt oder nicht hier entwickelt camus seine philosophie des absurden dem spannungsverhältnis zwischen sinnwidrigkeit der welt und der menschlichen sehnsucht nach sinnhaftigkeit die sich durch sein gesamtes oeuvre zieht

how does a personality characteristic such as self esteem become translated into political convictions how do individual differences in self esteem affect who becomes a political activist

and a political leader these are among the major questions addressed in this study the first of its kind to be based on large scale samples of both political laders and ordinary citizens drawing on the voluminous research of social psychologists on self esteem and integrating the dynamic theories of freud and his followers with the functional and social learning approaches professor sniderman advances new theories to account for the complex connections between personality political beliefs and political leadership in 1972 the american political science association gave professor sniderman s original work in this field on which this book is based the e e schattschneider award for the best doctoral dissertation in the field of american government and politics this title is part of uc press s voices revived program which commemorates university of california press s mission to seek out and cultivate the brightest minds and give them voice reach and impact drawing on a backlist dating to 1893 voices revived makes high quality peer reviewed scholarship accessible once again using print on demand technology this title was originally published in 1975

explores the idea that a new breed of men and women are actively involved in the majority american political party and that their motives goals ideals and patterns of organizational behavior are different from those of the people who have dominated u s politics in the past this book is based on interviews with 1 300 delegates to the 1972 democratic and republican national conventions and mail questionnaires completed by some 55 percent of the delegates the author identifies women as one part of the new presidential elite and analyzes their social cultural psychological and political characteristics this study was funded jointly by russell sage foundation and the twentieth century fund

this book analyzes the motivations of the chinese authorities to pursue the international sporting events it investigates the 21 oft underappreciated sporting events governed by fifa fina fiba iaaf and other international organizations and linking them with the calculus of the chinese authorities to push forwards economic development polish national image and realize the supreme leaders political ambitions the author therefore sheds important light on the intertwined nature of sport and politics in the chinese state and reveals how pervasive the sporting events roles have been in china s domestic politics and international relations this book s broad scope is expected to attract the subscriptions of the academics think tanks diplomats government officials and international sporting organizations

this study of the political and romantic impulses of shakespeare s tragic characters including macbeth king lear hamlet othello and iago among others discusses the overblown ambition of these characters as they embrace cunning and evil in order to acquire power and romance the excessive ambition shown by these characters fuels action in the plays and significantly contributes to their downfall in other words the book interrogates in a pluralist critical frame the forces behind the quest for power and romance by shakespeare s protagonists and explores how these forces propel the

this book comes at a crucial time as the usa and countries around the world wrestle with an ongoing period of democratic backsliding that shows little sign of abating alarmingly study after study shows that younger people are not convinced that democracy will endure and that a sizable number are no longer convinced that it should especially as changing educational and political landscapes make efforts to educate for democracy both more necessary and more fraught contributors to this book offer innovative pedagogies and praxis grounded in political and civic theories aimed at strengthening democratic norms practices and institutions

when historians take the long view they look at ages or eras the age of jackson the progressive era but these time spans last no longer than a decade or so in this groundbreaking new book morton keller divides our nation s history into three regimes each of which lasts many many decades allowing us to appreciate as never before the slow steady evolution of american public life americans like to think of our society as eternally young and effervescent but the reality is very different a proper history of america must be as much about continuity persistence and evolution as about transformation and revolution to provide this proper history keller groups america s past into three long regimes deferential and republican from the colonial period to the 1820s party and democratic from the 1830s to the 1930s and populist and bureaucratic from the 1930s to the present this approach yields many new insights we discover for instance that the history of colonial america the revolution and the early republic is a more unified story than usually assumed the civil war industrialization and the progressive era did relatively little to alter the character of the democratic party regime that lasted from the 1830s to the 1930s and the populist bureaucratic regime in which we live today has seen changes in politics government and law as profound as those that occurred in the late 18th and early 19th centuries as keller underscores the sheer staying power of america s public institutions he sheds light on current concerns as well in particular will the current political polarization continue or will more moderate forces prevail here then is a major contribution to united states history an entirely new way to look at our past our present and our future packed with provocative and original observations about american public life

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aid power and politics delves into the political roots of aid policy demonstrating how and why governments across the world use aid for global influence and exploring the role it plays in present day global governance and international relations in reconsidering aid as part of international relations the book argues that the interplay between domestic and international development policy works in both directions with individual countries having the capacity to shape global issues whilst at the same time global agreements and trends in turn shape the political behaviour of individual countries starting with the background of aid policy and international relations the book goes on to explore the behaviour of both traditional and emerging donors the us the uk the nordic countries japan spain hungary brazil and the european union and then finally looks at some big international agendas which have influenced donors

from the liberal consensus on democracy and good governance to gender equality and global health aid power and politics will be an important read for international development students researchers practitioners and policy makers and for anyone who has ever wondered why it is that countries spend so much money on the well being of non citizens outside their borders

this volume emerged from papers and commentaries given at the annual meeting of the american society for political and legal philosophy asplp in boston on august 28 29 2008 preface

this book is an attempt to explore shakespearean drama from the vantage point of the oppressed invisible and silent individuals and collectivities constructed in the plays it examines the ideological apparatuses which produce and naturalise oppression and the political structures through which that oppression is sustained derek cohen is concerned to demonstrate the many ways in which political and personal life always interdependent intersect contradict and disrupt one another often in the interests of and to the advantage of the dominant social ideology

the revised and updated eighth edition of the bestselling textbook politics uk is an indispensible introduction to british politics it provides a thorough and accessible overview of the institutions and processes of british government a good grounding in british political history and an incisive introduction to the issues facing britain today with contributed chapters from respected scholars in the field and contemporary articles on real world politics from well known political commentators this textbook is an essential guide for students of british politics the eighth edition welcomes brand new material from eight new contributors to complement the rigorously updated and highly valued chapters retained from the previous edition the eighth edition includes britain in context boxes offering contrasting international perspectives of themes in british politics a comprehensive who s who of politics in the form of profile boxes featuring key political figures and another thing pieces short articles written by distinguished commentators including jonathan powell michael moran and mark garnett fully updated chapters plus new material providing excellent coverage of contemporary political events including the leveson inquiry the aftermath of the 2011 riots and the house of lords reform a vibrant and accessible new design to excite and engage students as the work through a variety of political topics a new epilogue to the book offering a critical perspective of the trials and tribulations of the coalition government including an overview of the major differences that divide the coalition partners

ethnopolitical entrepreneurs presents the story of the armenians of glendale california coming from argentina armenia egypt iran jordan lebanon russia syria and many other countries this group is internally fragmented and often has limited experience with the american political system nonetheless glendale s armenians have rapidly mobilized and remade an american suburban space in their own likeness in telling their story daniel fittante expands our understanding of us political history from the late nineteenth century onward irish italian jewish and several other immigrant populations in large american cities began changing the country s

political reality the author shows how glendale s armenians as well as many other immigrants are now changing the country s political reality within its dynamic multiethnic suburbs the processes look different in various suburban contexts but the underlying narrative holds immigrant populations converge on suburban areas and ambitious political actors develop careers by driving coethnics political incorporation

young people are very often the driving forces of political participation that aims to change societies and political systems rather than being depoliticized young people in different national contexts are giving rise to alternative politics drawing on original survey data collected in 2018 this edited volume provides a detailed analysis of youth participation in nine european countries by focusing on socialization processes different modes of participation and the mobilization of youth politics this volume is an indispensable guide to understanding young european s experience and engagement of politics the inequalities that shape young people s political engagement and are sometimes replicated through them and young people s commitment to saving the environment and spreading democratic ideals based on compelling and extensive research across nine nations this volume makes important advances in key debates on youth politics and provides critical empirical insights into which young people engage influences on young people s politics how young people engage why some young people don t engage and trends across nations the volume succeeds in the herculean task of focusing on specific national contexts while also rendering a comprehensive picture of youth politics and inequality in europe today jennifer earl professor of sociology university of arizona usa forecasts by social scientists of young people s increasingly apathetic stance towards political participation appear to have been misplaced this text drawing data and analysis across and between nine european countries captures the changing nature of political activism by young people it indicates how this is strongly nuanced by factors such as social class and gender identity it also highlights important distinctions between young people s approaches towards more traditional electoral and more contemporary non institutional forms of participation critically it illuminates the many ways in which youth political participation has evolved and transformed in recent years wider social circumstances and experiences are identified as highly significant in preparing young people for and influencing their levels of participation in both protest oriented action and electoral politics howard williamson professor of european youth policy university of south wales uk this book is an incredible guide to understanding the role and sources of inequalities on young people s political involvement country specific chapters allow the authors to integrate a large number of the key and most pressing issues regarding young people s relationship to politics in a single volume topics range from social mobility and the influence of socioeconomic parental resources and class young people s practice in the social sphere the intersection of gender with other sources of inequalities online participation and its relationship with social inequalities the impact of harsh economic conditions the mobilization potential of the environmental cause to the role of political organizations integrating all these pressing dimensions in a common framework and accompanying it with extensive novel empirical evidence is a great achievement and the result is a must read piece for researchers and practitioners aiming to understand the challenges young people face in developing their relationship to politics gema garcía albacete associate professor of political science university carlos iii madrid spain

nicky gumbel pioneer of alpha a series of sessions exploring the christian faith and vicar of holy trinity brompton in kensington london aids readers following the bible in one year programme to understand the scriptures better drawing out a theme for each day from the designated bible readings gumbel s exegetical writings on the proverbs psalms and new and old testament excerpts are packed with insight wisdom and application these accompanying reading notes will enhance the study of anyone reading the bible in one year each day nicky s commentary on the bible in one year is available as an ios and android app it has over 3 million subscribers worldwide

careers in city politics provides an in depth view of the vital aspects of local politics access to political office individual office holder s accountability to the public the performance of councils as collective political bodies and the often high turnover of personnel timothy bledsoe bases his findings on the political careers of more than eight hundred city council members representing cities with large and medium populations tracing how some officials careers unfolded over five years bledsoe studies their reasons for seeking office and examines how successful they were in adapting to their jobs he evaluates office holders whose council careers were cut short and those whose lengthy service qualified them as careerists paying special attention to first term officials and to those who used their seats as stepping stones to higher political offices in this first of its kind study bledsoe offers specific recommendations for restoring some of the lost vigor to local politics

as women continue to gain more prominence as active participants in the american political and electoral process as voters candidates and officeholders it becomes even more important to understand how gender shapes political power and the distribution of resources within our society there are many areas of research in a variety of disciplines focusing on women gender and feminism and many of them intersect with a discussion of women in american politics our goal in writing this book is to present these topics in an interesting lively and timely way through an analysis of contemporary political gender related issues we hope to have provided just enough of an historical context to get students interested in the evolution of women in american political life and enough theory and analysis to inspire them to seek more information and knowledge about gender justice today the study of women and u s politics as well as the role gender plays in the broader political context has emerged as a powerful voice within the discipline of political science in the last few decades as such we hope that readers find this text a useful addition to the ongoing dialogue while instructors find it to be a useful pedagogical tool for their courses on women gender and politics

it would be differcult to think of any political party whose internal problems have been so

publicly scrutinised as have those of the labour party in recent years the authors of the politics of the labour party were not specifically asked to consider the question why labour there has been no shortage of published views on that subject instead they were invited to look at certain themes and topics of longer term significance with a focus on contemporary problems whose consequences are still unfolding the politics of the labour party promotes an understanding of the context in which those problems occured and will develop with its main theme being change chapters included focus on power in party the developing incompatibility of intra party democracy and parliamentary democracy and the changing styles of political leadership noted contributors such as the late robert mackenzie colin crouch and dennis kavanagh raise important questions about the changes in the relationship between the party and the trade unions remind us about the scale of labours recent decline in electoral support and investigate the party s ideas of representation and asks if labour is still the workers party the politics of the labour party provides simply the most authoritative analysis of the longer term tensions which lie behind the immediacy of day to day events

a chicago journalist reveals how pervasive police misconduct brutality and corruption are changing the perspective of the criminal justice system and eroding the morals of the american people in this shocking yet fascinating volume an award winning chicago journalist goes behind the headlines to provide a far reaching analysis of brutality vice and corruption among men and women who have sworn to serve and protect this timely book draws on actual cases to examine the widespread phenomenon of corruption inside law enforcement agencies it looks at the effort of criminal elements and gangs to infiltrate police departments and the criminal justice system and it discusses how vigilante justice is encouraged by claims of police misconduct of particular importance to readers the book also exposes the trickle down effect of police corruption as it affects american values and society as a whole but the news is not all bad police departments across the nation are fighting back against abuse of power and the author sheds light on the escalating battle they are waging against rogue police officers involved in criminal activity through stanford s investigative work and firsthand interviews with leading law enforcement professionals readers will be privy to the backstory of the struggle of police commands to insulate their departments against the criminality and corruption so prevalent today

in this new edition of his popular book craig dykstra explores the contributions of the traditions education worship practices and disciplines of the reformed christian community in helping people grow in faith in doing so he makes the case that the christian church in its own traditions has a wealth of wisdom about satisfying spiritual hunger and the desire to know god deeply wisdom that offers coherent thoughtful guidance in such diverse settings as congregational life families youth groups and higher education

shelton investigates the conditionality regime directed at transforming societies inside eu candidate states he offers a new understanding of conditionality that incorporates the social and subjective dimensions of the european project locating the ambitions and limits of conditionality

in the ideas of political economy

the authors challenge currently dominant approaches to migration and offer important ways to move between the individual experience and the structure of the world system alan smart university of calgary

in history and revolution a group of respected historians confronts the conservative revisionist trends in historical enquiry that have been dominant in the last twenty years ranging from an exploration of the english french and russian revolutions and their treatment by revisionist historiography to the debates and themes arising from attempts to downplay revolution s role in history history and revolution also engages with several prominent revisionist historians including orlando figes conrad russell and simon schama this important book shows the inability of revisionism to explain why millions are moved to act in defence of political causes and why specific political currents emerge and is a significant reassertion of the concept of revolution in human development

this book provides the first in depth look at male and female elected officials of color using survey and other empirical data

how us senators were chosen prior to the seventeenth amendment and the consequences of constitutional reform from 1789 to 1913 u s senators were not directly elected by the people instead the constitution mandated that they be chosen by state legislators this radically changed in 1913 when the seventeenth amendment to the constitution was ratified giving the public a direct vote electing the senate investigates the electoral connections among constituents state legislators political parties and u s senators during the age of indirect elections wendy schiller and charles stewart find that even though parties controlled the partisan affiliation of the winning candidate for senate they had much less control over the universe of candidates who competed for votes in senate elections and the parties did not always succeed in resolving internal conflict among their rank and file party politics money and personal ambition dominated the election process in a system originally designed to insulate the senate from public pressure electing the senate uses an original data set of all the roll call votes cast by state legislators for u s senators from 1871 to 1913 and all state legislators who served during this time newspaper and biographical accounts uncover vivid stories of the political maneuvering corruption and partisanship played out by elite political actors from elected officials to party machine bosses to wealthy business owners that dominated the indirect senate elections process electing the senate raises important questions about the effectiveness of constitutional reforms such as the seventeenth amendment that promised to produce a more responsive and accountable government

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uncovering the psychological and sociological reasons for the gender gap in american politics this fascinating volume explores how such factors influence women and lead to their political beliefs and behaviors based on original research with women voters of varying ages around the united states from 2008 to the present the book delves into differences between voting women and men and indeed among women themselves the gender gap the author argues exists because women s social identity is tied to their group memberships and gender role beliefs thus rather than grouping all women into one voting bloc the book examines how gender identity influences various sub groups of women it begins with a discussion of the gender gap in voting preferences throughout history then goes on to explore the roles of feminism and women s connectedness to their gender group as a primary cause of the gender gap in voting the remaining chapters discuss how these factors influence women s political engagement policy positions and candidate preferences

this book provides a contemporary picture of what it looks like for women state level political candidates to run for office during times of insurgency politics and highlights the relevance of the trump effect for women running for state legislative seats during the 2018 and 2020 election cycles

contradicts the current orthodoxy that there was a generalised popular consensus for the fascist regime and for mussolini s rule at least until the disasters of the second world war demonstrates that there was widespread and mounting hostility to the regime among large sections of the population even in the 1930s

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Understanding Weight Conversions: 142 lbs in kg

Weight conversion between pounds (lbs) and kilograms (kg) can seem daunting, especially when dealing with everyday situations like health tracking, international travel, or even following recipes. This article aims to demystify the process, specifically focusing on converting 142 lbs to kilograms, while also providing a broader understanding of weight units and their conversions.

1. The Foundation: Understanding Pounds and Kilograms

Before diving into the conversion, let's understand the units involved. Pounds (lbs) are a unit of mass primarily used in the United States and some other countries. Kilograms (kg), on the other hand, are the standard unit of mass in the International System of Units (SI), used globally for scientific and most other purposes. The difference lies in their base values; the kilogram is significantly larger than the pound. This means fewer kilograms represent the same amount of mass as more pounds.

2. The Conversion Factor: Linking Pounds and Kilograms

The key to converting between pounds and kilograms is the conversion factor. One kilogram is approximately equal to 2.20462 pounds. This means that to convert pounds to kilograms, you divide the number of pounds by this factor. Conversely, to convert kilograms to pounds, you multiply the number of kilograms by this factor.

3. Converting 142 lbs to kg: A Step-by-Step Guide

Now, let's apply this to our specific question: converting 142 lbs to kg. Using the conversion factor, we perform the following calculation: 142 lbs / 2.20462 lbs/kg \square 64.4 kg Therefore, 142 lbs is approximately equal to 64.4 kg. We use the "approximately equal to" symbol (\square) because the conversion factor is a rounded value. For most everyday purposes, this level of accuracy is sufficient. However, for highly precise measurements, you may need to use a more accurate

conversion factor or a dedicated conversion calculator.

4. Practical Examples and Real-World Applications

Understanding this conversion is vital in various scenarios: International Travel: If you're traveling internationally and need to check your luggage weight, understanding kg is crucial. Most airlines use kilograms as the standard unit for baggage allowance. Knowing that your 142 lbs suitcase weighs roughly 64.4 kg helps ensure compliance with airline regulations. Health and Fitness: Many fitness trackers and health apps use kilograms for weight tracking. If your scale measures in pounds, you'll need this conversion to accurately record your weight and track your progress. For example, if your goal is to lose 5 kg, you need to lose approximately 11 lbs (5 kg 2.20462 lbs/kg). Cooking and Baking: Some international recipes use kilograms for ingredient measurements. Understanding this conversion ensures accurate ingredient proportions, leading to successful cooking or baking. For example, if a recipe calls for 1 kg of flour, you need approximately 2.2 lbs of flour.

5. Tips for Accurate Conversions and Avoiding Errors

Use a calculator: While the manual calculation is straightforward, using a calculator helps minimize errors, especially when dealing with more complex conversions. Many online calculators are available for instant conversions. Rounding appropriately: The conversion factor has many decimal places. Round to a suitable number of decimal places based on the required precision. For most practical applications, rounding to one decimal place (e.g., 64.4 kg) is perfectly acceptable. Double-check your work: After performing a conversion, always double-check your answer to ensure accuracy.

Key Insights and Actionable Takeaways

Converting between pounds and kilograms is a fundamental skill with broad applications. Mastering this conversion enhances your understanding of weight measurement and facilitates smoother interactions in various aspects of life, from international travel to health monitoring and cooking. Remember the key conversion factor: $1 \text{ kg} \ \square \ 2.20462$ lbs and always use a calculator for accuracy when dealing with precise measurements.

FAQs

1. Is there an exact conversion factor for pounds to kilograms? No, the conversion factor is an approximation. The exact value is a non-terminating decimal. 2. Can I use online converters? Yes, many reliable online converters are available, offering quick and accurate conversions. 3. What if I need to convert kilograms to pounds? To convert kilograms to pounds, multiply the number of kilograms by 2.20462. 4. Why are different units of weight used in different countries? Historically, different systems of measurement evolved independently in various regions. The adoption of the metric system (using kilograms) is a more recent global standardization effort. 5. Are there any other weight units besides pounds and kilograms? Yes, there are many other units, such as ounces, grams, stones, and tons. Understanding their relationships can be helpful in various situations.

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