Many New Deal programs established critical economic safeguards. "The reforms put in place by New Deal, including encouraging the beginning of the labor movement, which fostered wage growth and sustained the purchasing power of millions of Americans, the establishment of Social Security and the federal regulations imposed on the financial industry, as imperfect as they were, essentially ensured there wouldn't be another Great Depression after the 1930s," says Nelson. Â But, just because the United States hasn't repeated the economic catastrophe of the Great Depression doesn't mean the programs of the New Deal can take all the credit. Other factors were also at play including the onset of a major world war. Reaching for a New Deal combines probing analyses of Obama's domestic policy achievements with a big picture look at his change-oriented presidency. The book uses struggles over policy changes as a window into the larger dynamics of American politics and situates the current political era in relation to earlier pivotal junctures in U.S. government and public policy. It offers invaluable lessons about unfolding political transformations in the United States. Â Obama and the Challenge of Submerged Policies, a commentary on lectures by Theda Skocpol, in Obamaâ€™s New Deal, Tea Party Reaction, and Americaâ€™s Political Future (Harvard University Press, 2012), pp. 123-144. Â Politics of Veteransâ€™ Policies edited by Stephen R. Ortiz (University Press of Florida, 2012). Â Eliminating the Market Middle-Man: Redirecting and Expanding Support for College Students, Â Reaching for a New Deal: Ambitious Governance, Economic Meltdown, and Polarized Politics in Obama's First Two Years, edited by Theda Skocpol and Lawrence R. Jacobs. (New York: Russell Sage Foundation) first book, The Health of Nations, and related studies identified the political and institutional conditions that explain why two broadly similar countries â€“ the U.S. and Britain â€“ designed dramatically different health programs, the National Health Service in 1946 and the Medicare Act of 1965. Â Theda Skocpol and Lawrence R. Jacobs, eds., Reaching for a New Deal: Ambitious Governance, Economic Meltdown, and Polarized Politics in Obama's First Two Years (2011)[37]. Lawrence R. Jacobs and Desmond King, eds., Obama at the Crossroads: Politics, Markets, and the Battle for America's Future (2012)[38]. Robert Y. Shapiro and Lawrence R. Jacobs, eds., The Oxford Handbook of American Public Opinion and the Media (2013)[39].