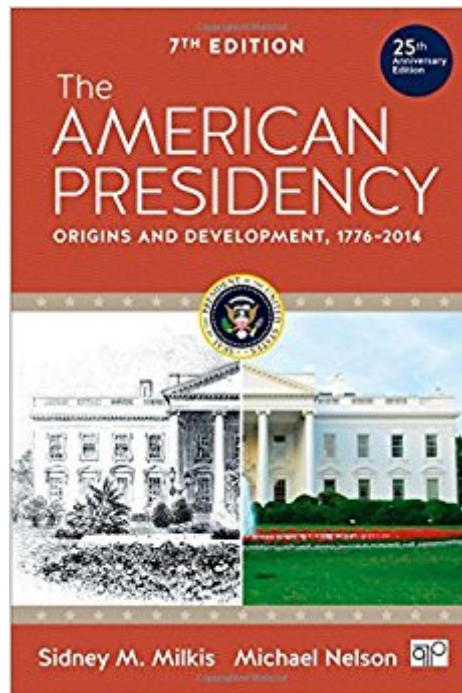




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# The American Presidency: Origins And Development, 1776-2014



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