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Party in the Street explores the interaction between political parties and social movements in the United States. Examining the collapse of the post-9/11 antiwar movement against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, this book focuses on activism and protest in the United States. It argues that the electoral success of the Democratic Party and President Barack Obama, as well as antipathy toward President George W. Bush, played a greater role in this collapse than did changes in foreign policy. It shows that how people identify with social movements and political parties matters a great deal, and it considers the Tea Party and Occupy Wall Street as comparison cases.

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– Pamela Oliver, Chair of Sociology, University of Wisconsin–Madison

“In *Party in the Street*, Heaney and Rojas show how overlapping movement and partisan identities shape political activism and the ebb and flow of social movements themselves. Focusing on the puzzle of activism in the post-9/11 antiwar movement, the authors offer a unique and compelling theoretical framework and marshal an impressive array of empirical evidence, ranging from organizational and legislative networks to movement event data. Taking excellent advantage of the unique opportunity to study a movement as it unfolded, the authors not only engage in participant observation but they field well-designed survey instruments to protesters as well – no small feat! – producing unprecedented insight into the conflicting motivations and goals of movement activists. The result is a distinctive accounting of the dynamics of various political identities that helps us understand the political fortunes of both social movements and political parties in the United States.”

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Abbreviations

9/11	The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001
AARP	(formerly) American Association of Retired Persons
AASS	American Anti-Slavery Society
ACORN	Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now
AFL	American Federation of Labor
AFL-CIO	American Federation of Labor–Congress of Industrial Organizations
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ANSWER	Act Now to Stop War and End Racism
CPA	Coalition Provisional Authority
CSUSIME	Coalition to Stop U.S. Intervention in the Middle East
DNC	Democratic National Convention
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IVAW	Iraq Veterans Against the War
LBJ	Lyndon Baines Johnson
MGJC	Mobilization for Global Justice Coalition
MTV	Music Television
NAACP	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NCPME	National Campaign for Peace in the Middle East
RNC	Republican National Convention
SANE	Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy
SDS	Students for a Democratic Society
SOFA	Status of Forces Agreement
TEA	Taxed Enough Already
TPP	Tea Party Patriots
UPF	United for Peace
UPPJ	United for Peace and Justice
USA PATRIOT	Uniting (and) Strengthening America (by) Providing Appropriate Tools Required (to) Intercept (and) Obstruct Terrorism
WTO	World Trade Organization