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"In *Revolutions and Revolutionary Movements*, James DeFronzo has provided an excellent overview of the complex subject of revolution in clear, concise language."

-Mark N. Katz, Professor of Government and Politics, George Mason University

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"The strengths, in my view, stem from the clear chronological overview that Defronzo provides of revolutionary movements and also the theoretical analysis he provides at the beginning as to the key factors which often precipitate revolutionary upsurges. He synthesizes a lot of scholarship on the topic and makes it accessible to undergraduates."

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