



## Pathologies of Rational Choice Theory: A Critique of Applications in Political Science (Paperback)

By Donald Green, Ian Shapiro

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