

Advocacy, Democratic Theory, and Participation (UNDERGRADUATE)

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Description

Divided into three sections —Theory and Participation, Pluralism and Interest Groups, and Advocacy in Practice—this volume explores the relationship between the formation of associations and democratic practice. Beginning with Madison’s federalist papers, the chapters explore why individuals have formed organizations, the most important reason being the desire to redress perceived inequalities, imbalances and injustices.

Audience

The guide is designed with a dual purpose; to provide a clear conceptual and historical foundation for those interested in the advocacy role of nonprofit organizations and to offer lessons learned from case studies for those actively involved in community advocacy.

Uses

The guide can best be used to examine historical and contemporary models of change from the work of community organizer, Saul Alinsky to the current practices of environment, economic and health-related public interest groups.