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Citizenship and Civil Society advances three crucial areas of citizenship theory. First, it clarifies the confusing areas of rights and obligations. Using Wesley Hohfeld's theory of law, the book shows how legal, political, social, and participation rights are systematically related to liberties, claims, and immunities. Second, the book frames the question of balance between rights and obligations in systems of restricted and generalized exchange. It makes the point that where rights and obligations do not exist in a one-for-one relationship (restricted exchange), communities and organizations will be stronger. It shows that social democratic countries have a high level of balance (i.e., high rights and high obligations) while liberal countries have a low level of balance (i.e., low rights and low obligations despite the emphasis often put on wide-ranging liberties). Third, Professor Janoski answers a number of questions about how rights developed over the past few centuries. He explains that traditional countries rely on social closure to limit rights and obligations to a rather specific population. Generalized exchange can then operate more effectively with better results than for a closed group of people. Liberal countries rely on social openness and consequently must have a lower level of rights and obligations because citizens do not want their resources given to people freely moving in and out of their boundaries. Professor Janoski then shows how power resources and state-centric theory explain the development of rights over decades and centuries. He supports T. H. Marshall's view that rights develop in particular orders, building on each other. Basic legal rights to property for men and women and freedoms of speech and religion developed first, then political rights to vote for propertied men, all men, women, and various ethnic and indigenous groups. These legal and political rights were followed by social rights. Finally, participation rights consisting of code-termination and labor market rights and protections emerged in the post-World War II period.

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the citizen-advocates,
the families and children,
the volunteers,
the board members,
and the underpaid staff
of the Arc, and the
Triangle Down Syndrome Parents Group,
who together strive to bring
full citizenship to
persons of all mental abilities.

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