The Politics of Major Policy Reform in Postwar America

The Politics of Major Policy Reform in Postwar America examines the politics of recent landmark policy in areas such as homeland security, civil rights, health care, immigration, and trade, and it does so within a broad theoretical and historical context. By considering the politics of major programmatic reforms in the United States since the Second World War – specifically, courses of action aimed at dealing with perceived public problems – a group of distinguished scholars sheds light on not only significant efforts to ameliorate widely recognized ills in domestic and foreign affairs but also on systemic developments in American politics and government. In sum, this volume provides a comprehensive understanding of how major policy breakthroughs are achieved, stilled, or compromised in a political system conventionally understood as resistant to major change.

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