

Abstract

of

MAKING AMENDS:
THE JAPANESE AMERICAN REDRESS MOVEMENT,
A SACRAMENTO PERSPECTIVE

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Statement of Problem

This case study explores how well the John Kingdon model of the legislative policy making process describes the interaction of local grass-roots activists, a national interest group and Congress with respect to enactment of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

Sources of Data

Primary sources of data consisted of interviews with participants representing the grass-roots, interest group and congressional perspectives, as well as U.S. government documents. Secondary sources also were employed.

Conclusions Reached

This case study did conform in key respects to the Kingdon model, which provided a useful framework for describing the interaction of relevant institutional and external forces. It is also concluded that the Civil Liberties Act represents a landmark political achievement which may prove significant for the ongoing global expansion of democracy.


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