

The Role of Social Movements in Environmental Policy Reform

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Abstract. This paper examines the influence of social movements on environmental policy reform through case studies in Europe and North America. It identifies the mechanisms through which grassroots initiatives can effect change, particularly in the context of sustainability and climate action. The analysis reveals that social movements leverage public sentiment and media to impact policy decisions, highlighting their critical role in driving governmental and corporate accountability towards environmental stewardship. The study underscores the increasing importance of sociological perspectives in understanding policy transformation across various sectors.

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Introduction: The past few decades have witnessed a significant rise in social movements advocating for environmental policy reforms. These grassroots initiatives have emerged as vital forces in the global effort to address climate change and promote sustainability. This article seeks to explore the mechanisms through which social movements influence policy decisions, focusing on case studies in Europe and North America. By analyzing these movements' strategies, the study aims to identify patterns and lessons that could inform future efforts. Understanding the sociological aspects of these movements is essential for comprehending their potential impact on policy reform and societal change.

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