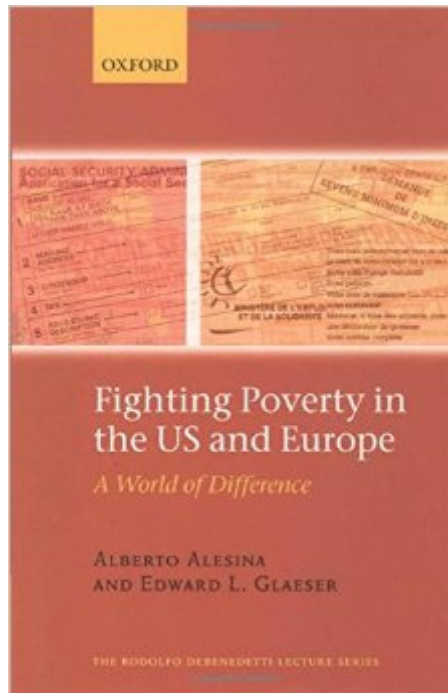


The book was found

Fighting Poverty In The US And Europe: A World Of Difference (The Rodolfo De Benedetti Lecture Series)



Synopsis

In this timely study of the different approaches of America and Europe to the problems of domestic inequality and poverty, the authors describe just how different the two continents are in the level of State engagement in the redistribution of income. They discuss various possible economic explanations for the difference, including different levels of pre-tax income, openness, and social mobility; they survey politico-historical differences such as the varying physical size of nations, their electoral and legal systems, and the character of their political parties, as well as their experiences of war; and they examine sociological explanations which include different attitudes to the poor and notions of social responsibility, as well as, most importantly, attitudes to race.

Book Information

Series: The Rodolfo De Benedetti Lecture Series

Paperback: 264 pages

Publisher: Oxford University Press (January 12, 2006)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0199286108

ISBN-13: 978-0199286102

Product Dimensions: 8.4 x 0.5 x 5.4 inches

Shipping Weight: 13.9 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 starsÂ Â See all reviewsÂ (4 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #273,836 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #38 inÂ Books > Business & Money > Economics > Comparative #292 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Poverty #312 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Public Affairs & Policy > Social Policy

Customer Reviews

I used this book for two courses as a freshman at Princeton University. One of them was a seminar on politics of economic inequality, the other one - an introductory comparative politics course. This book provides a good introduction to explaining political outcomes in terms of socio-economic interests (as opposed to just culture or institutional arrangements). The argument of the book is fairly interesting and well-developed: the size of the welfare state depends highly on racial fractionalization of the population and political institutions (federalism, checks and balances, winner-take-all electoral system) which are the result of a historical interplay of socio-economic interests. The discussion of the historical context (e.g. the "entrepreneurial" use of racial hatred to

fight against redistributive policies) and possible counterarguments are both well done. Furthermore, this book debunks some myths such as the notion that upward social mobility is higher in the US than in Europe. However, it is not without its problems. It gets fairly dry and repetitive sometimes. The arguments themselves are not flawless either. Alesina and Glaeser imply that the reason for the large welfare state in Western Europe is the strength of the left and the labor movement, while in reality the welfare state in Western Europe was largely built by right-wing parties (the Conservatives in the UK, Gaullists in France and Christian Democrats in Germany). The attempt to argue in terms of "the right" and "the left" often backfires, too, since it is not always possible to clearly draw the line. Nevertheless, this is a solid and thought-provoking book.

Absolutely fascinating, very thorough discussion of the reasons why the US and Europe have such different approaches to social welfare policy. The presentation is systematic and extremely detailed, with data to support every point and reject competing hypotheses. It is compact and easy to read, though the writing style is a bit dry. I found the book very very useful, and I haven't encountered anything else that fills this intellectual niche so well.

Good readings on how to combat poverty in America.

fast delivery and it came perfectly for my class

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Fighting Poverty in the US and Europe: A World of Difference (The Rodolfo De Benedetti Lecture Series) Changing Poverty, Changing Policies (Institute for Research on Poverty Series on Poverty and Public Policy) Fighting Poverty (Charities in Action) Fight for the Forgotten: How a Mixed Martial Artist Stopped Fighting for Himself and Started Fighting for Others Provincializing Europe: Postcolonial Thought and Historical Difference (Princeton Studies in Culture/Power/History) Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation: Southern Europe, South America, and Post-Communist Europe To Hell and Back: Europe 1914-1949 (The Penguin History of Europe) MARKUS ZUSAK - SERIES READING ORDER (SERIES LIST) - IN ORDER: THE BOOK THIEF, I AM THE MESSENGER, WHEN DOGS CRY, THE UNDERDOG, GETTING THE GIRL & FIGHTING RUBEN WOLFE! Clothing Poverty: The Hidden World of Fast Fashion and Second-hand Clothes Creating a World Without Poverty: Social Business and the Future of Capitalism Banker To The Poor: Micro-Lending and the Battle Against World Poverty Counter Culture: A Compassionate Call to Counter Culture in a World of Poverty, Same-Sex Marriage, Racism, Sex Slavery, Immigration,

Abortion, Persecution, Orphans and Pornography The Life You Can Save: How to Do Your Part to
End World Poverty The Life You Can Save: Acting Now to End World Poverty Creating a World
without Poverty: How Social Business Can Transform Our Lives Codes and Algebraic Curves
(Oxford Lecture Series in Mathematics and Its Applications) Algorithms, Fourth Edition (Deluxe):
Book and 24-Part Lecture Series Entropy of Hidden Markov Processes and Connections to
Dynamical Systems: Papers from the Banff International Research Station Workshop (London
Mathematical Society Lecture Note Series) Localization in Periodic Potentials: From Schrödinger
Operators to the Gross-Pitaevskii Equation (London Mathematical Society Lecture Note Series)
Confucian Role Ethics: A Vocabulary (Ch'ien Mu Lecture Series)

[Dmca](#)