

Anglo-American Protestant Philanthropy, 1600 to the Present

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Description

This guide provides a historical overview of American Protestant philanthropy from 1600 through the late 20th century. The author considers the ways that Protestant churches have mobilized volunteers and charitable donations on a large-scale and, in so doing, have helped shape the country's social agenda. The volume examines how at various points in time Protestant philanthropy has operated in harmony with and in opposition to the state, offering its readers an opportunity to engage in the complex and intriguing debate over the involvement of church in matters of state.

Audience

It will be of particular use to those seeking to better understand the complex and intriguing debate over the involvement of church in matters of state, and the impact of the activities of Protestant churches and how this has changed over time as the religious and demographic landscape of the country has changed.

Uses

The guide is valuable as an introduction that points the way for further reading on a broad range of topics related to Protestant philanthropy, women in U.S. history, foreign missions, the Social Gospel, and American social movements more generally. It includes relevant to those interested in the African American experience and the role of religious organizations in social movements, as well as missionary work.