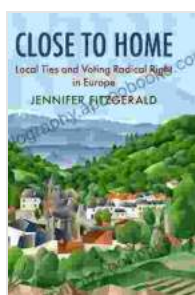


# Unveiling the Local Roots of Radical Right Success in Europe: Delving into "Local Ties and Voting Radical Right in Europe"

In the contemporary political landscape of Europe, the rise of far-right movements has garnered significant attention. These movements, often espousing nationalist and anti-immigrant rhetoric, have made substantial electoral gains in recent years, challenging traditional party systems and reshaping the political landscape. While numerous factors have been attributed to this phenomenon, a new book, "Local Ties and Voting Radical Right in Europe," delves into the under-explored role of local conditions in fueling support for these parties.



## Close to Home: Local Ties and Voting Radical Right in Europe (Cambridge Studies in Public Opinion and Political Psychology) by Jennifer Fitzgerald

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Authored by a team of leading scholars, the book draws on extensive empirical research to examine the relationship between local ties and voting behavior in a comparative perspective across 15 European

countries. It argues that local ties, encompassing social capital, community engagement, and economic well-being, play a crucial role in shaping electoral outcomes, particularly in the context of radical right support.

### **The Importance of Social Capital**

Social capital, defined as the networks and relationships within a community, has emerged as a key factor in understanding voting behavior. "Local Ties and Voting Radical Right in Europe" demonstrates that individuals with strong social ties are more likely to participate in civic activities, trust their neighbors, and engage in collective action. These social connections foster a sense of belonging and shared purpose, which can translate into political participation and support for parties that champion community values.



## **Community Engagement and Political Participation**

Community engagement, characterized by participation in local organizations and activities, also plays a significant role in shaping political behavior. Individuals who are actively involved in their communities are more likely to develop a sense of civic responsibility and engage in political processes. The book argues that community engagement provides opportunities for individuals to connect with others, exchange ideas, and advocate for their interests. This engagement fosters a sense of political efficacy and encourages participation in elections, particularly among those who feel disenfranchised by mainstream parties.



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### **Economic Decline and Radical Right Support**

Economic decline and its associated social consequences have also been linked to increased support for radical right parties. "Local Ties and Voting Radical Right in Europe" examines how economic hardship, unemployment, and social inequality can erode social capital and community engagement. This erosion, in turn, can foster a sense of disaffection and alienation, making individuals more receptive to the anti-establishment and populist messages of radical right parties.



## Immigration and the Radical Right

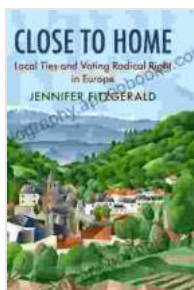
Immigration has been a major topic of debate in Europe, and the book explores the complex relationship between immigration and radical right support. It argues that while immigration can have positive economic and social effects, it can also challenge existing social norms and heighten competition for resources. In some cases, these challenges can lead to social isolation and resentment, making individuals more susceptible to the anti-immigrant messages of radical right parties.



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"Local Ties and Voting Radical Right in Europe" offers a comprehensive and nuanced analysis of the complex relationship between local conditions and voting behavior. By examining the role of social capital, community engagement, economic decline, and immigration, the book sheds new light on the factors that have contributed to the rise of radical right movements in Europe. Its findings have important implications for understanding the current political landscape and developing strategies to address the root causes of support for these parties.

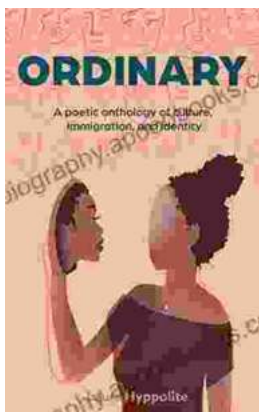
For anyone interested in European politics, the rise of the radical right, or the impact of local conditions on voting behavior, "Local Ties and Voting Radical Right in Europe" is an essential reading. It provides invaluable insights into the complex dynamics that shape political outcomes and offers a roadmap for further research and policy interventions.



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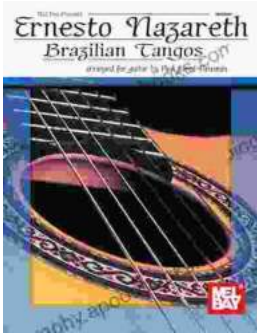
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