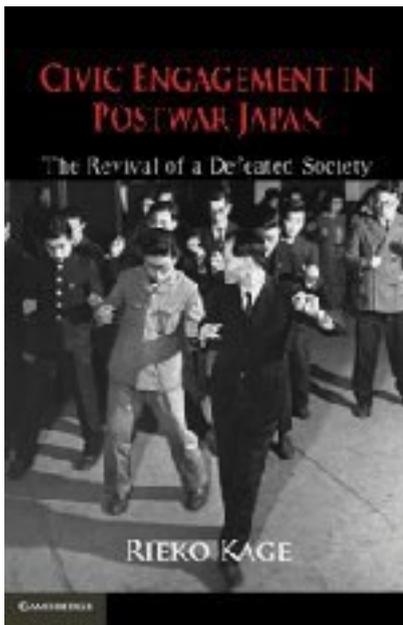


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Despite reduced incomes, diminished opportunities for education, and the psychological trauma of defeat, Japan experienced a rapid rise in civic engagement in the immediate aftermath of World War II. Why? *Civic Engagement in Postwar Japan* answers this question with a new general theory of the growth in civic engagement in postwar democracies. It argues that wartime mobilization unintentionally instills civic skills in the citizenry, thus laying the groundwork for a postwar civic engagement boom. Meanwhile, legacies of prewar associational activities shape the costs of association-building and information-gathering, thus affecting the actual extent of the postwar boom. Combining original data collection, rigorous statistical methods, and in-depth historical case analyses, this book illuminates one of the keys to making postwar democracies work.

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简单地来说，对于此书的部分批判并不是毫无依据和非公正的。尽管评论者有时候并非这一领域的专攻者。其中的一篇，空井護发表在Levithan 52号上的书评某种程度上反应了这种意见（文笔格外的辛辣，感觉作者心态还是要端正一个）。鹿毛在此书里所要解释的，不是通常研究中所讨论的，社会资本对于战争复兴有何作用。而是战争对于社会资本形成的巨大作用。在上次大战的总力战当中，成千上万的民众被动员起来加入了战争，在后方组织起了生产，分配和防空防灾等各种功能。而在这些区域当中，战前的YMCA的参与率较高的地区，在中经战争的动员之后，同样显示了更高的参与度，而战前这些社团参与率较低的地区，中经战争的洗礼虽然也“学习”到了社会参与的技巧，但是团体的参与率仍旧相对较低。此书选取数据质量和历史的理解能力是较大的糟点。。。

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