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民意的定義與民意政治的發展 *林玉華

Public Opinion, Democratic Theory and Democratic Practice

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摘 要

民主政治就是民意政治,但是民主理論與實際之間總存在著差距。古典民主理論的自由思想與政府的無能,導致於法西斯主義與納粹主義的興起,十九世紀末與二十世紀初期菁英論的代議制度,其有限制的參與,又不能彰顯少數的民意。近代參與理論,提供大衆參與的途徑,在政策議程建立的過程中,少數的團體可以主張他們的權利,而落實民主的實際。

關鍵詞:民意,偏見的動員,政策議程建立。

ABSTRACT

There is always a gulf between the fine and elevating theories about democracy and the actual fact of politics. The fall of the Weimar Republic and the rise of Nazi and fascistic movements shake the foundation of democratic thought. on other hand, the limited participation of democratic elitism can't view minority group influence on the policy process. for inquiry to the gap between theories and practice. This article seeks to illuminate the definition of public opinion, and examines the developing paradigm of democracy. This article concludes that the agenda-building paradigm is relevant in explaining the dynamics of public opinion in policy process.

Key words: public opinion, mobilization of bias, the politics of agenda-building.

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