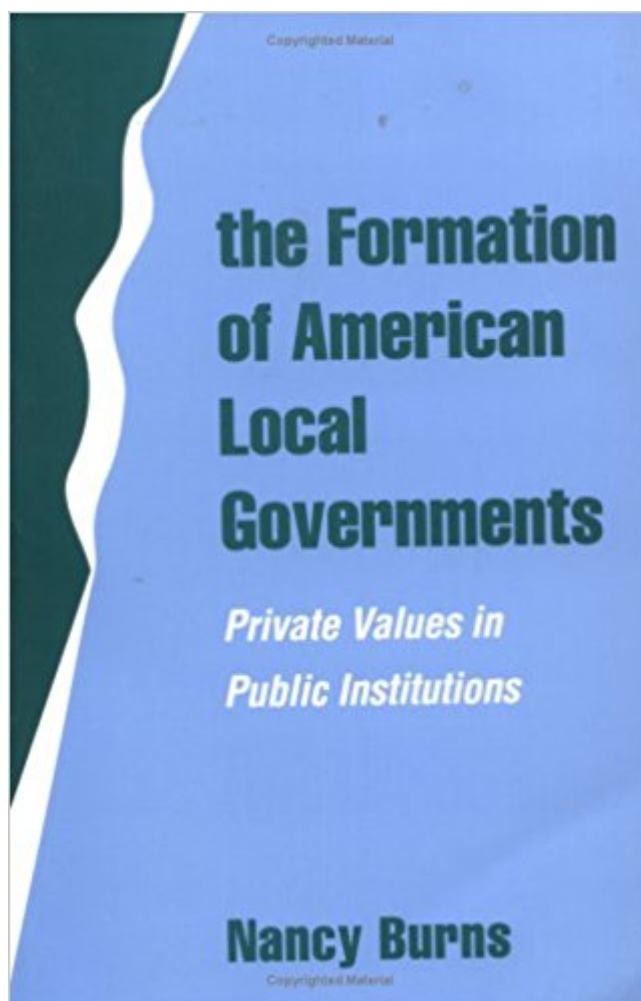


The book was found

# The Formation Of American Local Governments: Private Values In Public Institutions



## Synopsis

Why have Americans created thousands of new local governments in recent years, a rate much higher than population increases demand? Conflicts over local power--the power to tax, to issue bonds, and to provide services--have produced solutions that are often as ruthless as they are resourceful. The first text to illustrate the impact of creating new local governments, this compelling study provides an illuminating examination of the nature of local politics today. Skillfully combining case studies, institutional history, and quantitative analyses, Nancy Burns argues that economic interests, states, the federal government, and inventive individuals have changed the parameters of local institutions, thereby changing local politics. Rather than working for change within the existing system, countless groups have created new municipalities and "special districts," local governments that serve private interests more than the public good. Businesses and developers, who tend to initiate and dominate the process, often serve as organizational bases to help allied groups--such as wealthy homeowners--achieve their goals. Because of the autonomy that local governments enjoy in the U.S., the formation of these new governments has had an impact on the quality of life for many Americans. New boundaries, created mostly along race and class lines, determine access to education, housing, and basic services, allowing the privilege of exclusion to accompany the privilege of municipal management. Revealing the place of local institutions in the larger political spectrum, this landmark work offers students of urban politics and political science a unique look at the structural features of American local politics.

## Book Information

Paperback: 208 pages

Publisher: Oxford University Press (September 29, 1994)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0195090934

ISBN-13: 978-0195090932

Package Dimensions: 8.2 x 5.5 x 0.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 11.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 3.0 out of 5 stars 1 customer review

Best Sellers Rank: #540,990 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #55 in [Books > Law >](#)

[Administrative Law > Urban, State & Local Government](#) #138 in [Books > Politics & Social](#)

[Sciences > Politics & Government > United States > Local](#) #187 in [Books > Politics & Social](#)

[Sciences > Politics & Government > Public Affairs & Policy > Communication Policy](#)

## Customer Reviews

"I wish I had known about this text before using my current one. It's excellent. Kudos to Nancy Burns--well done."--Donald Crumbley, Sr, Columbia College"[A] useful contribution to the urban politics literature...The presentation of the historical materials is novel and there is an interesting discussion of the effects of the 1965 Voting Rights Act on municipal incorporations. The book would be a useful text for an introductory course on local government..."--Journal of Regional Science"An outstanding piece of research!"--Eric Hozik, University of Nevada"Prof. Burns has obviously done her research--the bibliography is most impressive."--David Robinson, University of Houston"I've already used the book in manuscript form for the last two years in my graduate seminar on urban politics. It draws on a broad range of empirical evidence to make a significant theoretical contribution to our understanding of local government formation."--Gerald Gamm, University of Rochester"A very important study. Provides original insight about a major aspect of American urban politics that has been largely neglected by modern scholarship. The findings are interesting, the methodologies are appropriate and the theoretical implications are most stimulating. Will draw widespread attention from professionals, scholars, and students of local politics."--Paul Kantor, Fordham University"Burns's comprehensive review of the literature, creative use of case studies, and quantitative analysis combine to make a significant contribution to the field. Her work is important to the study of local government, political economy, and urban politics....Throughout, her scholarship is impressive. She has read widely and carefully, covering an awesome range of historical studies, case materials, and most of the relevant general and theoretical literature. Her use of these materials is often imaginative, particularly in the weaving together of the findings of a substantial number of case studies."--Michael N. Danielson, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University Listed in Abstracts of Public Administration, Development and Environment

Nancy Burns is at University of Michigan.

Good purchase, if you want just the basics to local government. I would say ideal for people interested in getting more involved in local governments like town halls or chamber of commerce.

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

The Formation of American Local Governments: Private Values in Public Institutions Lab Values: 82  
Must Know Lab Values for Nurses: Easily Pass the NCLEX with Practice Questions & Rationales

Included for NCLEX Lab Values Test Success (Lab Values for Nurses, NCLEX Lab Values) Wiley GAAP for Governments 2017: Interpretation and Application of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments (Wiley Regulatory Reporting) Wiley GAAP for Governments 2016: Interpretation and Application of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments (Wiley Regulatory Reporting) Theoretical Foundations and Discussions on the Reformation Process in Local Governments (Advances in Public Policy and Administration) Comparative Studies and Regionally-Focused Cases Examining Local Governments (Advances in Public Policy and Administration) The Business Environment of Europe: Firms, Governments, and Institutions Manhattan Family Guide to Private Schools and Selective Public Schools, 6th Edition (Manhattan Family Guide to Private Schools & Selective Public Schools) Manhattan Family Guide to Private Schools and Selective Public Schools, 5th Ed. (Manhattan Family Guide to Private Schools & Selective Public Schools) State and Local Public Finance: Institutions, Theory, Policy Budgeting for Local Governments and Communities Building High-Performance Local Governments: Case Studies in Leadership at All Levels Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance (Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions) World List of Universities, 25th Edition: And Other Institutions of Higher Education (World List of Universities & Other Institutions of Higher Education) African Economic Institutions (Routledge Global Institutions) Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action (Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions) Private History in Public: Exhibition and the Settings of Everyday Life (American Association for State and Local History) Peterson's Private Secondary Schools 2000-2001 : The Smart Parents' Guide to Private Education (Peterson's Private Secondary Schools, 2000-2001) American Indian Tribal Governments (The Civilization of the American Indian Series) Private Foundations and Development Partnerships: American Philanthropy and Global Development Agendas (Global Institutions)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)