

The Politics of Pensions: A Comparative Analysis of Britain, Canada, and the United States, 1880-1940, - Ann Shola Orloff - 381 pages - 9780299132248 - Univ of Wisconsin Press, 1993 - 1993

Book Reviews. The Politics of Pensions: A Comparative Analysis of Britain, Canada, and the United States, 1880-1940. Ann Shola Orloff. David Brian Robertson. David Brian Robertson, "The Politics of Pensions: A Comparative Analysis of Britain, Canada, and the United States, 1880-1940. Ann Shola Orloff," *Social Service Review* 69, no. 3 (Sep., 1995): 530-533. <https://doi.org/10.1086/604141>. MOST READ. Of all published articles, the following were the most read within the past 12 months. Avoiding Linguistic Neglect of Deaf Children. Humphries et al. The Consequences of Decentralization: Inequality in Safety Net Provision in the Post-Welfare Reform Era. Bruch et al. Pathways to the Overrepresentation of Aboriginal Children in Canada's Child Welfare System. By offering a comparative, institutional analysis of how state-supported pensions for the elderly developed in Britain, Canada, and the United States, Ann Shola Orloff makes a profound contribution to understanding the growth of modern social welfare policies. It is not enough, Orloff demonstrates, to simply examine socioeconomic factors in the growth of the welfare state. She argues that welfare policies are shaped as well by the political institutions and processes that are the legacy of state formation and expansion in given nations. Orloff explains why, when, and how poor relief was replaced. The United States is a federal constitutional democratic republic, in which the president (the head of state and head of government), Congress, and judiciary share powers reserved to the national government, and the federal government shares sovereignty with the state governments. The executive branch is headed by the president and is independent of the legislature. Legislative power is vested in the two chambers of Congress: the Senate and the House of Representatives.