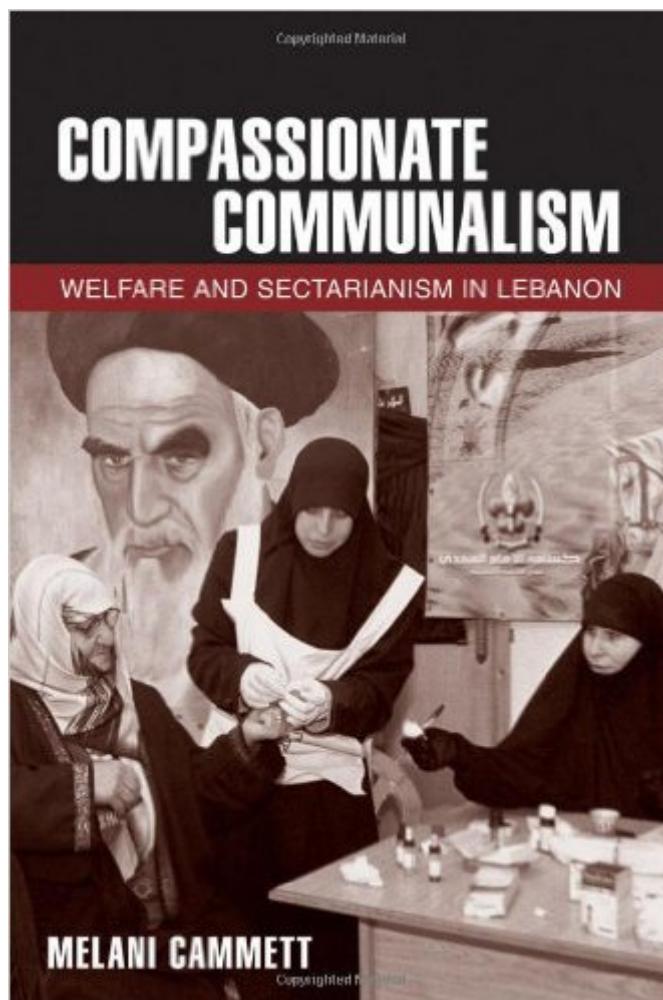


The book was found

# Compassionate Communalism: Welfare And Sectarianism In Lebanon



## Synopsis

In Lebanon, religious parties such as Hezbollah play a critical role in providing health care, food, poverty relief, and other social welfare services alongside or in the absence of government efforts. Some parties distribute goods and services broadly, even to members of other parties or other faiths, while others allocate services more narrowly to their own base. In *Compassionate Communalism*, Melani Cammett analyzes the political logics of sectarianism through the lens of social welfare. On the basis of years of research into the varying welfare distribution strategies of Christian, Shia Muslim, and Sunni Muslim political parties in Lebanon, Cammett shows how and why sectarian groups deploy welfare benefits for such varied goals as attracting marginal voters, solidifying intraconfessional support, mobilizing mass support, and supporting militia fighters. Cammett then extends her arguments with novel evidence from the Sadr movement in post-Saddam Iraq and the Bharatiya Janata Party in contemporary India, other places where religious and ethnic organizations provide welfare as part of their efforts to build political support. Nonstate welfare performs a critical function in the absence of capable state institutions, Cammett finds, but it comes at a price: creating or deepening social divisions, sustaining rival visions of the polity, or introducing new levels of social inequality. *Compassionate Communalism* is informed by Cammett's use of many methods of data collection and analysis, including Geographic Information Systems (GIS) analysis of the location of hospitals and of religious communities; a large national survey of Lebanese citizens regarding access to social welfare; standardized open-ended interviews with representatives from political parties, religious charities, NGOs, and government ministries, as well as local academics and journalists; large-scale proxy interviewing of welfare beneficiaries conducted by trained Lebanese graduate students matched with coreligionist respondents; archival research; and field visits to schools, hospitals, clinics, and other social assistance programs as well as political party offices throughout the country.

## Book Information

Paperback: 336 pages

Publisher: Cornell University Press; 1 edition (May 20, 2014)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0801478936

ISBN-13: 978-0801478932

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.8 x 9.3 inches

Shipping Weight: 14.4 ounces ([View shipping rates and policies](#))

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars  See all reviews (1 customer review)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,015,687 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #70 in Books > History > Middle East > Lebanon #490 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Philanthropy & Charity #934 in Books > Textbooks > Humanities > History > Middle East

## Customer Reviews

Melani Cammett has once again displayed her ability to decipher complex Middle East societies with this study of Lebanon's sectarian provision of health and other social services. She combines thorough field work and a mastery of statistical techniques to analyze the role of religious-affiliated parties in distributing benefits in exchange for political support. For those interested in Lebanese politics, this book is a must-read.

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

Compassionate Communalism: Welfare and Sectarianism in Lebanon In the Shadow of Sectarianism: Law, Shi`ism, and the Making of Modern Lebanon Brooks/Cole Empowerment Series: Social Welfare Policy and Social Programs (SW 323K Social Welfare Programs, Policies, and Issues) From Poor Law to Welfare State, 6th Edition: A History of Social Welfare in America The Other Saudis: Shiism, Dissent and Sectarianism (Cambridge Middle East Studies) The New Sectarianism: The Arab Uprisings and the Rebirth of the Shi'a-Sunni Divide On Your Case: A Comprehensive, Compassionate (and Only Slightly Bossy) Legal Guide for Every Stage of a Woman's Life Grieving Mindfully: A Compassionate and Spiritual Guide to Coping with Loss Who Really Cares the surprising truth about compassionate conservatism America's Charity Divide who gives who doesn't and why it matters hardback The Guide to Compassionate Assertiveness: How to Express Your Needs and Deal with Conflict While Keeping a Kind Heart The Ultimate Vegan Guide: Compassionate Living Without Sacrifice (Second Edition) The Power of Kindness: The Unexpected Benefits of Leading a Compassionate Life My Mother, Your Mother: Embracing "Slow Medicine," the Compassionate Approach to Caring for Your Aging Loved Ones I'm Here: Compassionate Communication in Patient Care The Caregiver's Path To Compassionate Decision Making: Making Choices For Those Who Can't (Home Nursing Caring) Sacred Passage: How to Provide Fearless, Compassionate Care for the Dying You Don't Have to Take it Anymore: Turn Your Resentful, Angry, or Emotionally Abusive Relationship into a Compassionate, Loving One Bonding and the Case for Permanence: Preventing mental illness, crime, and homelessness among children in foster care and adoption. A guide for attorneys, judges, therapists and child welfare. Choice and Coercion: Birth Control, Sterilization, and Abortion in Public Health and Welfare (Gender and American Culture)

Risk Inequality and Welfare States: Social Policy Preferences, Development, and Dynamics  
(Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics (Paperback))

[Dmca](#)