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Although there is growing interest from governments in participation levels in sport, the extent to which governments actively promote 'sport for all' and their motives for doing so vary greatly. This is the first book to examine the sport participation policies of national governments around the world and to offer a comparative analysis of the motives for, and successes and failures of, those policies.

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- the nature and extent of government intervention
- implementation of government policy
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