



## Fractured Communities

Risk, Impacts, and Protest Against Hydraulic Fracking in U.S. Shale Regions

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### DESCRIPTION

While environmental disputes and conflicts over fossil fuel extraction have grown in recent years, few issues have been as contentious in the twenty-first century as those surrounding the impacts of unconventional natural gas and oil development using hydraulic drilling and fracturing techniques—more commonly known as “fracking”—on local communities. In *Fractured Communities*, Anthony E. Ladd and other leading environmental sociologists present a set of crucial case studies analyzing the differential risk perceptions, socio-environmental impacts, and mobilization of citizen protest (or quiescence) surrounding unconventional energy development and hydraulic fracking in a number of key U.S. shale regions. *Fractured Communities* reveals how this contested terrain is expanding, pushing the issue of fracking into the mainstream of the American political arena.

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