

Impacts of Faith-Based Decision Making on the Individual-Level Legislative Process: Emerging Research and Opportunities

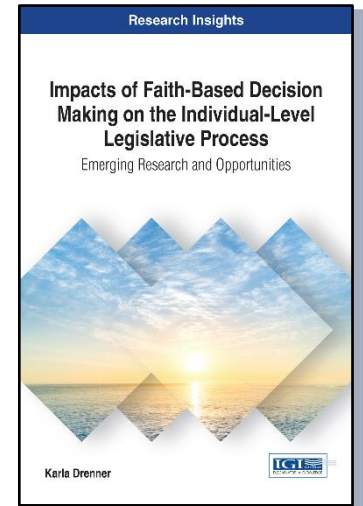
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