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Title

Ideology and radiation risk: what Japan's anti-nuclear movement can teach us about stakeholder engagement.

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Text

This paper argues that an emphasis on risk literacy and public ignorance has come at the expense of democratic participation in radiological protection; supplanting public dialogues about values with attempts to 'correct' public opinion through educational schemes. This claim is explored empirically through a case study of Japan's anti-nuclear movement. Growing rapidly in response to the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant disaster, the movement has agitated aggressively against government-mandated thresholds for radiation exposure. Drawing on observation of public demonstrations, textual analysis and 15 interviews with prominent advocates, the paper contends that this movement is rooted in left-wing ideology and calls for greater reflection on cultural frameworks in stakeholder engagement.