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The long history of educational reform can be seen as a constant conflict between the principles of efficiency and equity. By isolating the affect of a single important actor, Bushouse provides both a case study of successful intervention leading to significant educational reform and shines a light on how difficult it is, and the resources required, to challenge inherited assumptions and practice in state education.

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For some states, stability was achieved due to institutional changes or securing a steady funding stream.

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And certainly, Bushouse provides plentiful testimony from state advocates as to the essential importance of the Pew resources in creating a coherent and powerful campaign lobby, from a disparate scattering of interest groups, increasing the likelihood of state adoption. Bushouse supplements reading of a limited existing literature and contemporary media coverage with extensive telephone interviews with a wide range of actors: elected officials and their staff, government agency personnel, journalists, children's rights advocates, child care industry advocates, public school officials and advocates, university researchers, and staff and grantees from the Pew Charitable Trusts.

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Appendices include lists of focus group participants and the survey. In each state, the policy problem was successfully framed in terms of contributing to educational outcomes and away from child care. While the motivation of the Pew Charitable Trusts to devote financial and educational resources to the campaign to persuade states to fund universal preschool is left unresolved, the character and impact of the strategy is subject to a forensic analysis.

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She researches the role of nonprofit organizations in the policy process with a particular passion for early education policy.

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The results of the panel ratings of necessity are in Appendix B. Her book *Universal Preschool: Policy Change, Stability, and the Pew Charitable Trusts* analyzed how state government successfully invested in early education; she conducted a similar study of New Zealand.

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