Diaspora Politics. Political interests and activities within diasporas are certainly nothing new. Different diaspora-based associations may lobby host countries to shape policies in favor of a homeland or to challenge a homeland government; influence homelands through their support or opposition of governments; give financial and other support to political parties, social movements, and civil society organizations; or sponsor terrorism or the perpetuation of violent conflict in the homeland. They often feel that "absentee" voting might give too much influence to people living outside the country. Others say that only by maintaining strong ethnic and transnational bonds can migrants build the confidence they need to successfully incorporate themselves. Informative and insightful, this book makes an important contribution by bringing together, for the first time, the impact of both ethnic and foreign lobbying on US foreign and domestic policy.