



Endurance activism: transcontinental walking, the great peace march and the politics of movement culture

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This thesis focuses on the 1986 Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament that lasted nine-month and covered 3,325 miles, from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. The author coins the term 'endurance activism' and explores two central questions: What is the relationship between long-distance walking and the politics of social movements? To what extent does 'endurance' shape meanings of the March's related but twin goals: the building of a "prefigurative" community, and a mass movement capable of attaining media coverage and achieving concrete, or "strategic" political outcomes?

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