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In **Congressional Elections**, editors Maisel and Cooper have provided a major new source-book for those interested in electoral studies, voting behavior, and the American political system in general. Its basis is the 1978 American National Election Study, conducted through the University of Michigan, a monumental research effort to explore in depth the Congressional election process. Warren E. Miller, the study's director, and John P. Kotash have here compiled the essential hard data and the key variables of that study. The essays that follow were authored by six scholars from the committee which planned the study. They provide analyses, developing different, though complementary, interpretations and applications of the data supplied. This sixth volume of the *Sage Electoral Studies Yearbooks* will prove to be not only an excellent tool for instruction in political science research methods, but also a unique body of resource material for further electoral studies.

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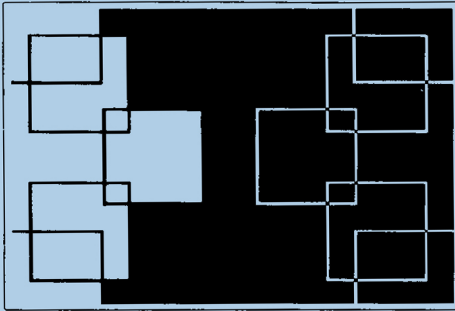
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