

Commonwealth Research through a Bibliometric Lens, Mapping Research Gaps in Studies on Charter Values and Principles

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Abstract: The study conducts a bibliometric analysis on the "Commonwealth" to explore research trends and less-published areas related to Commonwealth principles and values. This work includes 951 articles from Scopus and is analyzed using VOSviewer. An increase in publications is observed from 2018 to 2025 in the Commonwealth, with articles published in the fields of social science, arts, and humanities. The United Kingdom, Taylor and Francis, Routledge, and the Round Table have contributed most to the central theme of the Commonwealth as a country, publisher, and journal, respectively. This study finds prominent keywords such as Commonwealth, United Kingdom, Australia, human, article, international relations, etc., and important clusters of developing Asian countries, focusing on demography, healthcare, and policymaking; and Australia, working on climate change, conservation, and biodiversity. Democracy, human rights, civil society, etc. are identified as core values and principles of the Commonwealth, each demonstrating linkage with the Commonwealth. Tolerance, respect, understanding, freedom of expression, separation of powers, rule of law, access to food and shelter, support for small and vulnerable states, and youth involvement are identified as having little to no linkage with publications on the Commonwealth. The largest interconnected linkage of the Commonwealth is with environmental protection, biodiversity and conservation.

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