

Public Policy and Administration

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OPINION

Government policies are as old as governments themselves. Whatever the form of government — oligarchy, monarchy, aristocracy, dictatorship, democracy, etc. public policies have been established and implemented whenever and wherever governments have existed. To deal with the various problems and demands of the people, the government must develop a number of policies, which are referred to as public policies. This unit seeks to explain what public policy is and what types of policies exist. It will draw attention to the differences between the components of a policy and distinguish between policy, decision, and aim. A concerted attempt will be made to highlight the relationship between politics and policy, as well as the importance and characteristics of public policy.

Several researches have been conducted on public policy, and several scholars have sought to characterise public policy from various perspectives. Let's go over basic definitions of public policy before we get into the meaning of it. Public policy is "the connection of a government unit to its surroundings. Public policy is whatever the government chooses to do or not do." Public policy is not a decision; it is a course or pattern of activity.

According to these definitions, public policies are governmental choices that are the consequence of activities that the government does in order to achieve specific aims and objectives. Public policy formation and execution can alternatively be described as a well-planned pattern or sequence of events. It necessitates a tightly knit relationship and interaction between the political executive, legislature, bureaucracy, and judiciary, which are bordered by the major governmental institutions. The following points will help you better understand the nature of public policy.

Public policies are aimed at achieving a specific purpose. Public policies are developed and implemented with the goal of achieving the government's objectives for the benefit of the people in general. These policies explain out the government's plans in detail. The upshot of the government's community acts is public policy. It refers to a pattern or course of action taken by government officials and players in a community sense rather than their isolated and separated decisions. What the government really decides or chooses to do is known as public policy. In a given administrative system, it is the relationship of government entities to a specific field of

political environment. It can take several forms, including laws, ordinances, court decisions, presidential orders, and choices. Public policy is positive in the sense that it expresses the government's concern and entails its action in response to a specific situation. It has the backing of the law and authorities. On the negative side, it entails decisions made by government authorities to take no action on a serious situation.

Policy and objectives

It is critical to make a distinction between policy and goals in order to properly grasp the meaning of policy. Goals are what policies are aiming for or hoping to accomplish. A goal is an ideal condition of circumstances that a society or organisation aspires to achieve. Goals can be viewed from a variety of angles. These can be considered abstract values that a society aspires to achieve. There are also distinct and concrete objectives. Poverty eradication is a goal that the government wishes to achieve. Such specific goals are addressed by public policies.

Decisions and policies

A differentiation must be made, as well as a policy and a decision. The terms are frequently used interchangeably, although this is not the correct usage. Individuals, businesses, and governments all make decisions on a regular basis. However, not all of the decisions made may be classified as policy decisions. The heart of decision-making is to make a choice from the available alternatives in order to take action; if there is only one course of action available, there is nothing to choose from, and hence no decision can be made. Only when there are multiple options available can a decision be made.

Public policy making

Making Public Policy is a Difficult Process. Policymaking entails a number of components that are linked by communication and feedback loops and interact in a variety of ways. Some aspects of the process are obvious and visible, but others are carried through clandestine routes that officials are sometimes only partially aware of. It's difficult, if not impossible, to observe these secret procedures. As a result, guidelines are frequently moulded by a series of single decisions that culminate in a "policy" without any of the decision makers being aware of the process.

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