

ISSUES IN PUBLIC POLICY:

*problems of 'public interest'
definition and policy implementation*

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- *THE CONCEPT OF 'PUBLIC INTEREST'*
- *PROBLEMS IN CREATING CONSENSUS IN SOCIETIES*
- *SOURCES AND ORIGINS OF PUBLIC POLICY*
- *PROCESSES OF POLICY IMPLEMENTATION*

ISSUES IN PUBLIC POLICY

- *THE CONCEPT OF 'PUBLIC INTEREST'*
 - *what do we mean by 'public interest'?*
 - *how do we define 'public interest'?*
 - *moral public interest?*
 - *ethical public interest?*
 - *social public interest?*
 - *economic public interest?*

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- *THE CONCEPT OF 'PUBLIC INTEREST'*

- *Jean-Jacques Rousseau:*

- *the public interests of the individual*
PLUS
the 'common good'

ISSUES IN PUBLIC POLICY

- *PROBLEMS IN CREATING CONSENSUS IN SOCIETIES*

- *the importance of government legitimacy*
 - *processes employed in creating consensus and legitimacy*



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- *PROBLEMS IN CREATING CONSENSUS IN SOCIETIES*

- *formal (for instance, elections and referendums)*

- *informal (for instance, campaigns and protests)*

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- **SOURCES AND ORIGINS OF PUBLIC POLICY**
 - the ‘production’ of public policy (how does it emerge?)
 - the range of societal and institutional sources of public policy (the ‘policy arenas’ in a liberal democracy)

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- **SOURCES AND ORIGINS OF PUBLIC POLICY**
 - *The Policy Arenas*
 1. *The Public Arena*
 2. *National Parliaments/Assemblies*
 3. *The Political Parties*
 4. *The Bureaucracy (Ministries/Civil Servants)*
 5. *Pressure and Interest Groups*
 6. *The European Union*



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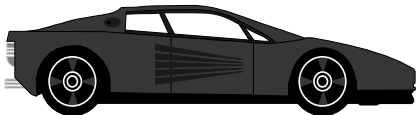
- **PROCESSES OF POLICY IMPLEMENTATION**
 - the balancing of ‘public interests
 - arbitration between social forces
 - the role of institutions
 - a policy implementation framework?



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- *PROCESSES OF POLICY IMPLEMENTATION*

- *private interest versus 'public interest'*

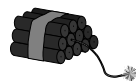


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- *PROCESSES OF POLICY IMPLEMENTATION*

- *Policy Networks*

- *industrial sector*
 - *education sector*
 - *health and social security sectors*
 - *environmental sector*



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PROCESSES OF POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Problems

- *issues relating to conflicts of 'public interest'*

- *issues of rigidity and flexibility*

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- *PROCESSES OF POLICY IMPLEMENTATION*
 - *A Policy Implementation Framework?*
 - 1. *Method*
 - 2. *Strategy/Tactics*
 - 3. *Objectives and 'Milestones'*
 - 4. *Patience and the 'Long View'*
 - 5. *Teams and Functions*
 - 6. *Structures*
 - 7. *A Set of Rules*

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