

Recent Evolutions Concerning the study of Public Policy

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Abstract: The study of the public policy tries to understand why nations do a certain thing and how they do that thing. Public policy links the resulting processes and emphasizes the systematic evaluation of the results.

The explanation of the public policy is based on two aspects: the public policy cycle and the policy analysis. The process of public policy's design - the public policy cycle - is a complex one and implies dimensions, mechanisms and actors within a network of interrelations. The public policy analysis consists in the elaboration of methodologies in order to determine the results of a given policy and to realize comparisons between public policy solutions regarding their results.

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