

PUBLIC POLICY

Definitions

“A chosen course of action significantly affecting large numbers of people.” MacRae and Wilde

“Society’s attempt to find solutions to problems people face in their everyday lives.” Palumbo

“A purposeful course of action based on law and backed by governmental power.” Anderson

Purposive Action

- Intended consequences
- Unintended consequences

Rule Governed

- External dealings with public/clients
- Internal operations
- Backed by governmental power

Extends Over Time

POLICY TYPES

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN

DISTRIBUTIVE

REDISTRIBUTIVE

REGULATORY

- Economic
- Environmental
- Social

CONSTITUENT

CRISIS