

Academic Discourse I

FS101

What is Policy?

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Policy

 pol·i·cy¹

/ˈpələseɪ/

See definitions in:

All

Politics

Commerce

Law

Gambling

noun

a course or principle of action adopted or proposed by a government, party, business, or individual.
"the administration's controversial economic policies"

Similar:

plans

strategy

proposed action

blueprint

approach

scheme



- **ARCHAIC**

prudent or expedient conduct or action.
"a course of policy and wisdom"

Definitions from Oxford Languages

Feedback



What is?

- A system of **rules** and **regulations** designed to protect people, animals, climate, etc. from some *bad* eventuality
- Solutions for problems that should be based on rational and grounded in *some* logical thinking or by data.
- The definition of a policy is a written contract or agreement. An example of a policy is the written contract received from an insurance company that guarantees to insure someone against a certain type of damage.
 - A written contract in which one party guarantees to insure another against a specified loss, damage, injury, etc. in return for payments, usually periodic, called premiums.
- The Internet is full of definitions: <https://www.yourdictionary.com/policy>



Ted Talk 1



- Data Privacy and Consent | Fred Cate | TEDxIndianaUniversity
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iPDpV8ojHA>
- Time: 13:22



Ted Talk 2



- Making public policy more fun, Vasiliki (Vass) Bednar, TEDxToronto
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXYSsA5yVSY>

Time: 7:20



Policy Websites

- Federal Trade Commission (Regulations for consumer protections)
 - <https://www.ftc.gov/>
- Your Europe (Data protection and online privacy)
 - https://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/consumers/internet-tel-ecommerce/data-protection-online-privacy/index_en.htm
- Google's Policies (Corporate Privacy Policy)
 - <https://policies.google.com/>



Assignment 9

- Presentation: Due Wednesday, 1st Dec
- Written work: Due Friday, 3rd Dec

- **GitHub Classroom Repository.**
 - <https://classroom.github.com/a/g-kMKk0v>
 - **Deliverables** (see [writing/policy.md](#) of repo)
 - See README.md of repository for more details.

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