

# Introduction to Public Policy

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## Final Exam Study Guide

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### Practice Essay Questions

#### 1. Kingdon's Multiple Streams Framework

Explain how *Kingdon's Multiple Streams Framework* applies to the development of environmental or transportation safety policies. Identify a recent or historical example where a policy window opened due to a convergence of the problem, policy, and political streams.

- **Hint:** Consider examples like truck underride safety regulations or renewable energy initiatives.
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#### 2. Policy Conflicts and Resolution

Discuss the **sources of policy conflict** (stakeholder interests, resources, ideology) in environmental or energy policy. What strategies (e.g., negotiation, collaboration, litigation) can be used to resolve these conflicts? Provide a real-world example to support your analysis.

- **Hint:** Think of conflicts like balancing economic growth and environmental justice in renewable energy transitions.
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#### 3. Advocacy Coalition Framework (ACF)

Using the *Advocacy Coalition Framework*, explain how competing coalitions influence the policymaking process. Apply this theory to a case such as truck safety regulations, climate policy, or homeland security.

- **Hint:** Identify the beliefs, strategies, and external events shaping policy outcomes.
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#### 4. Punctuated Equilibrium Theory

Analyze how *Punctuated Equilibrium Theory* explains sudden shifts in public policy. Use an example from homeland security, environmental policy, or energy transitions to demonstrate how crises or external events can disrupt long periods of policy stability.

- **Hint:** Examples include shifts in climate policy after extreme weather events or changes in border security policies.
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#### 5. Policy Implementation Challenges

Describe the challenges of **policy implementation** in a complex policy area (e.g., environmental justice, homeland security, or energy policy). Focus on coordination, administrative capacity, and political resistance. Provide a case study to illustrate the barriers and possible solutions.

- **Hint:** Examples might include energy policy implementation at the state vs. federal level, or coordination across agencies in homeland security.