

Introduction to Public Policy

Final Exam - Fall 2024

Study Guide

Key Theories and Concepts

1. Policy Process Theories

- Kingdon's Multiple Streams Framework: Problem, Policy, and Politics Streams.
- Punctuated Equilibrium Theory: Periods of stability followed by rapid policy change.
- Advocacy Coalition Framework: Role of coalitions in shaping policy.

2. Policy Tools and Implementation

- Regulatory vs. Market-based tools.
- Challenges in implementation: administrative feasibility, stakeholder coordination, political feasibility.
- Examples: Energy policy incentives, border security measures.

3. Policy Conflicts and Resolution

- Sources: Stakeholder interests, ideology, resource competition.
- Strategies: Negotiation, mediation, litigation, collaboration.

4. Environmental and Energy Policy

- Climate change, renewable energy, and environmental justice.
- Policy tools: incentives, standards, cap-and-trade programs.

5. Homeland Security and Foreign Policy

- Agenda-setting and policy windows in changing administrations.
- Implementation challenges: resource constraints, stakeholder resistance.

6. Case Studies Discussed in Class

- Override truck safety regulations (ACF and regulatory capture).
- Environmental justice in energy transitions (Punctuated Equilibrium).
- Homeland security policies under shifting executive priorities.

Practice Questions for Review

1. How do policy tools like subsidies or regulations affect implementation and outcomes?
2. Explain how stakeholders' conflicting interests can hinder or advance public policies.

3. Provide an example of a policy window opening due to an external event.
 4. Discuss how equity can be integrated into environmental policy decisions.
 5. Apply the Advocacy Coalition Framework to an issue you studied.
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