

# What is a theory?

- A theory is a set of interrelated concepts, definitions, and propositions that explains or predicts events or situations by specifying relations among variables.
- generalizable
- parsimonious
- falsifiable
- internally consistent
- empirically valid
- useful

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- It is necessary for finding solutions to problems.
- It is a tool for understanding the world, the policy process, and for understanding policy change.