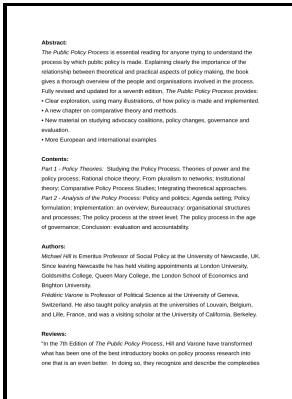


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### 5 Key Approaches to Foreign Policy Analysis

It is interesting to note that Cyert and March also emphasise the on-going political process involved in the reconciliation of such goals. There is a role for accreditation bodies to adopt and adapt such perspectives.

### The CDC Policy Process

However, critics of this model believe it does not account for instances when complete information may not be available, as well as the relatively subjective concept of rationality or factors that might inhibit rational decision making. According to neopluralists, policy outcomes generally reflect business preferences rather than those of environmental groups, who find it difficult to gain access to decision makers or conclude that the chance of bringing about change is so slim as to be not worth fighting for.

### Public Policy & Administration Theories

When it comes to which of these public policy models is closest to what empirically is happening, I would have to say that the theory of incrementalism is the most accurate picture of reality. Of them, three major factors are: ADVERTISEMENTS: a The size of the organisation the larger the organisation the more difficult it is to exercise detailed control from the centre ; b The degree of diversity in the activities being controlled it is easier to centralise the control of similar activities than dissimilar ones ; and c The quality of superiors and subordinates the centralisation presupposes competent superiors and decentralisation competent subordinates.

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A low score was assigned when studies reported minimal or no application of the above quality strategies.

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