

Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Policy Literacy & Government

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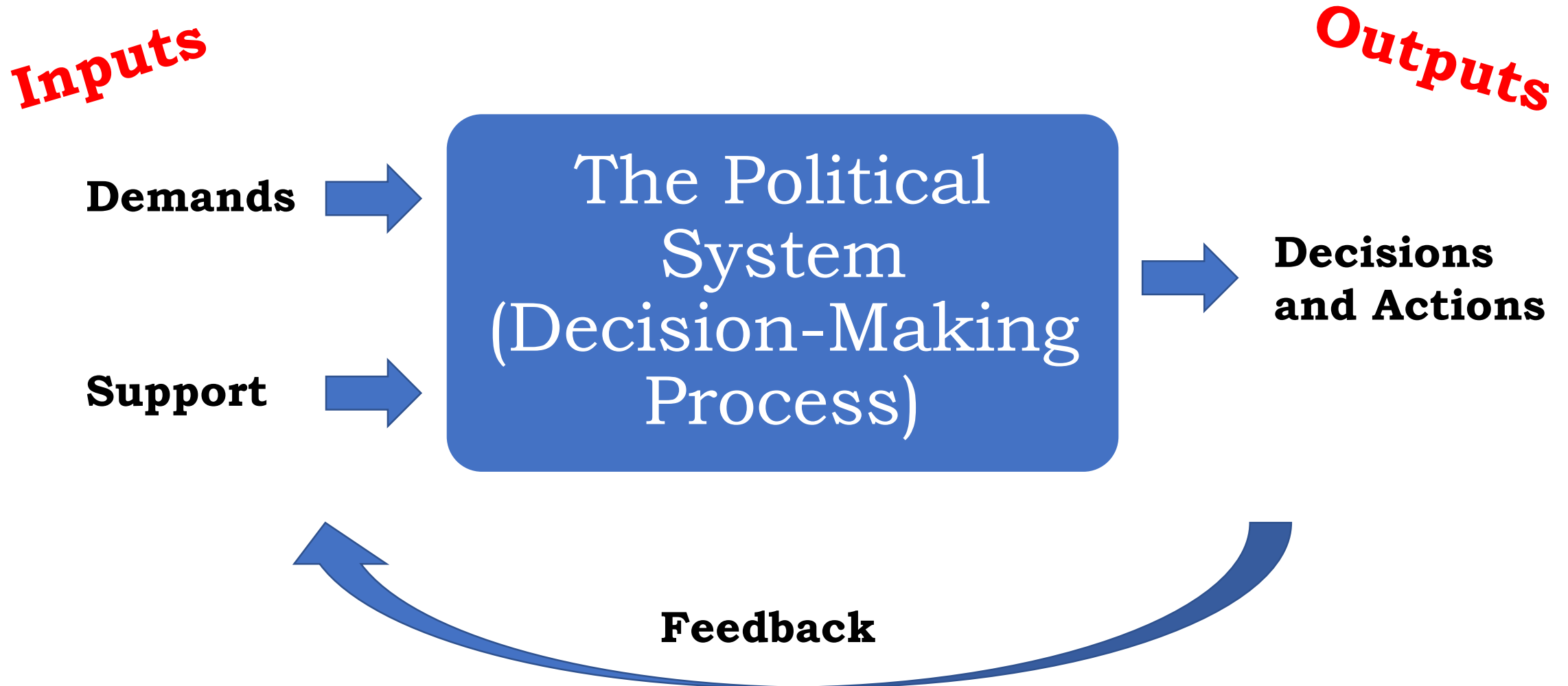
MPA Program

Today

1. What are we here to do?
2. The Policy Process – Briefly
3. Problem Definition – Briefly
- 4. Identifying Policy Solutions**
5. What happens next?

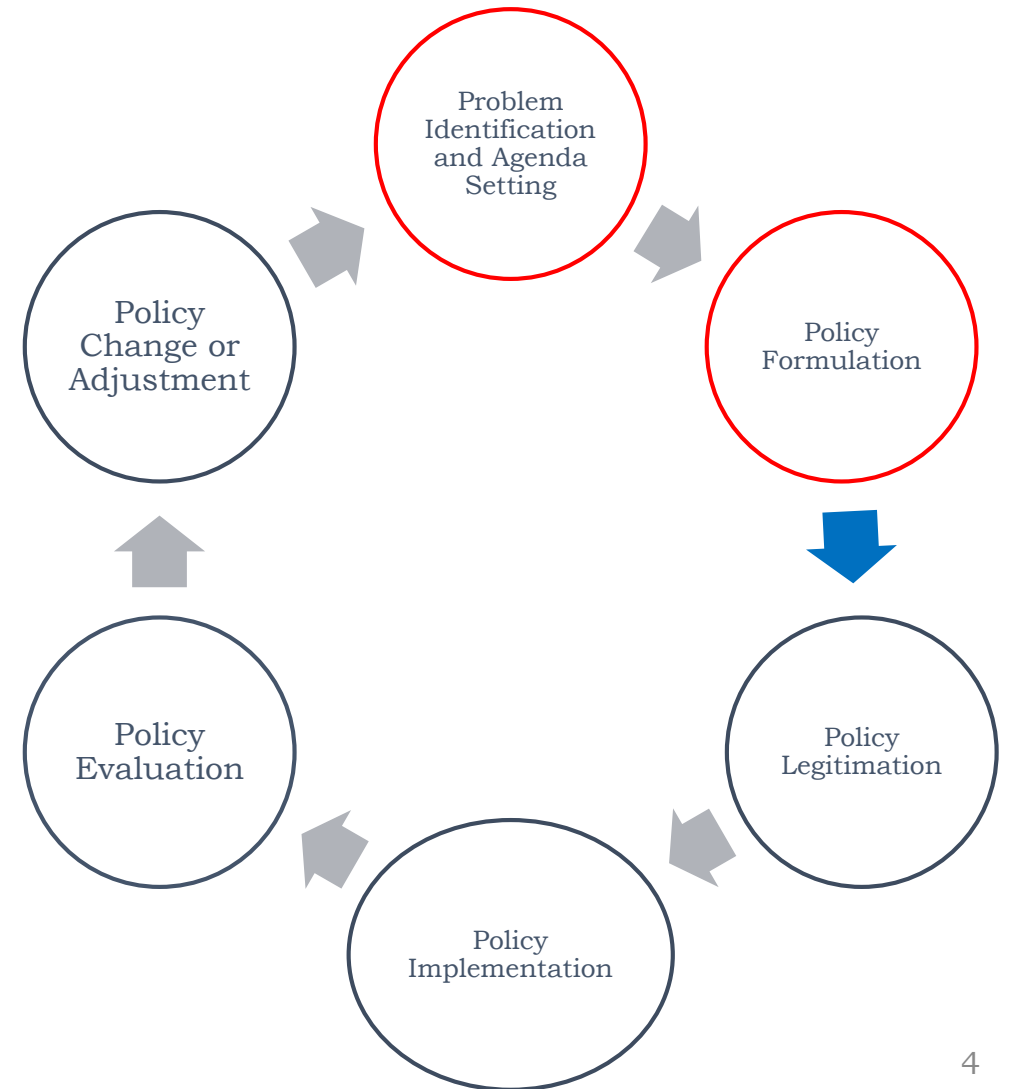
1. What are we here to do?

According to David Easton (1957)



2. The Policy Process

1. Problem Definition and Agenda Setting
2. Policy Formulation
3. Policy Legitimation
4. Policy Implementation
5. Policy and Program Evaluation
6. Policy Change or Adjustment



3. Problem Definition

What is the problem?

- Must be clear and specific.
- Define your terms.
 - Some words carry multiple meanings.
 - Your definitions of 'good' or 'bad' could be different from someone else.

Why is the problem happening?

- Correlation does not mean causality.
- Where does the problem come from?
 - Immediate Contributors
 - Root Contributors
- Often a problem has several contributing factors.

4. Identifying Solutions

a. Why should we intervene?

Establishing a Policy Goal

- You have identified the problem. What would be different if your policy were successful?
- What is the desired end state you want to achieve?
- Why is this your desired end state? Why not some other end state?

4. Identifying Solutions

b. Where should we intervene?

- Upstream vs. Downstream
- Who is the target of the intervention?



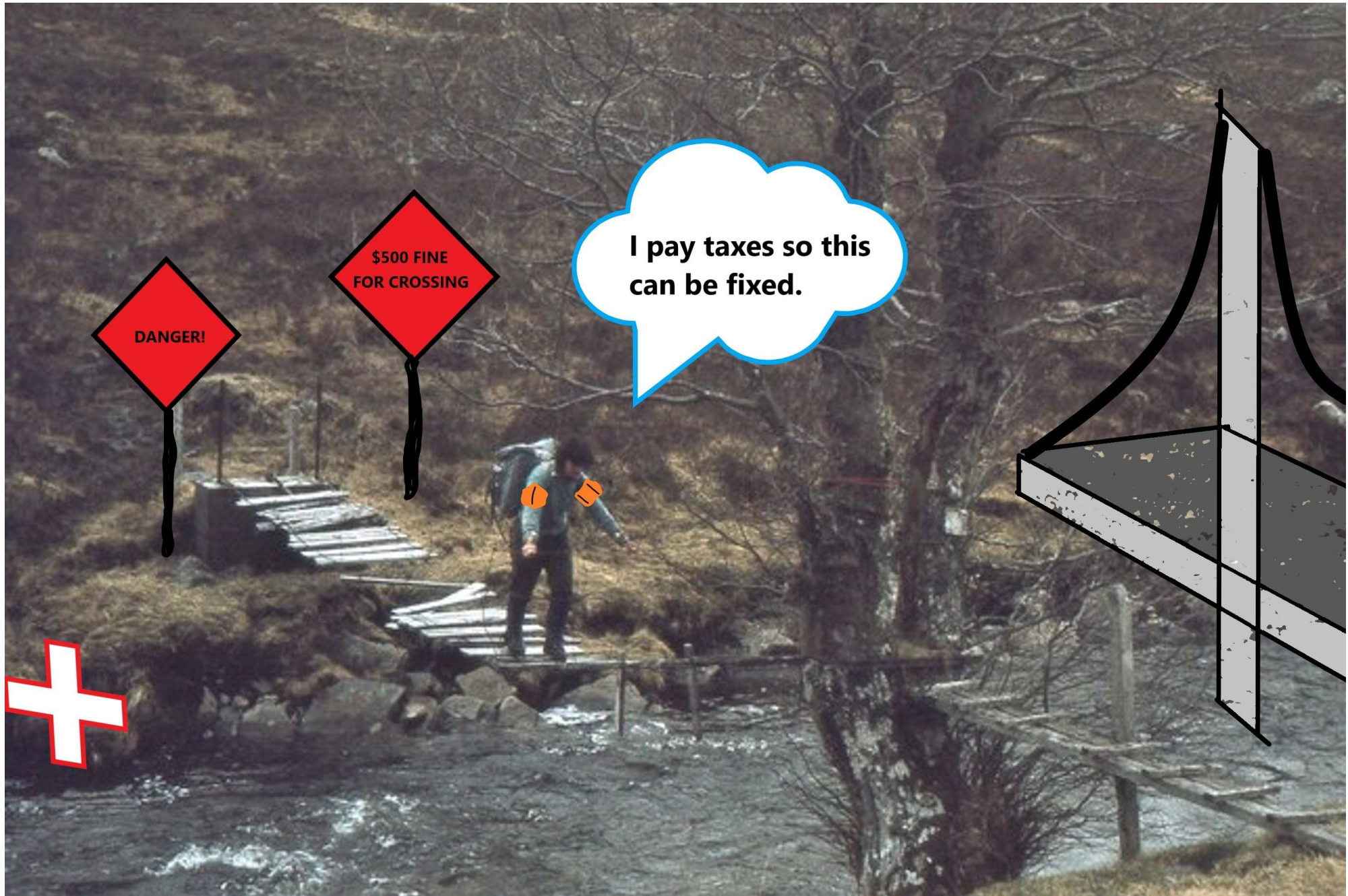
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4. Identifying Solutions

c. How should we intervene?

Common Policy Options

- Regulate – Compel specific behaviors; enforced with penalties.
- Tax – Collect money from citizens, corporations, etc.
 - Could raise government funds
 - Could discourage purchases
- Distribute – Provide a good or service to the public.
- Educate – Provide information to public to inform decisions.
- Subsidize – Defray the cost of a citizen's purchase.
- Contract – Hire a firm to provide a good or service.



I pay taxes so this can be fixed.

DANGER!

\$500 FINE FOR CROSSING



4. Identifying Solutions

d. Who should intervene?

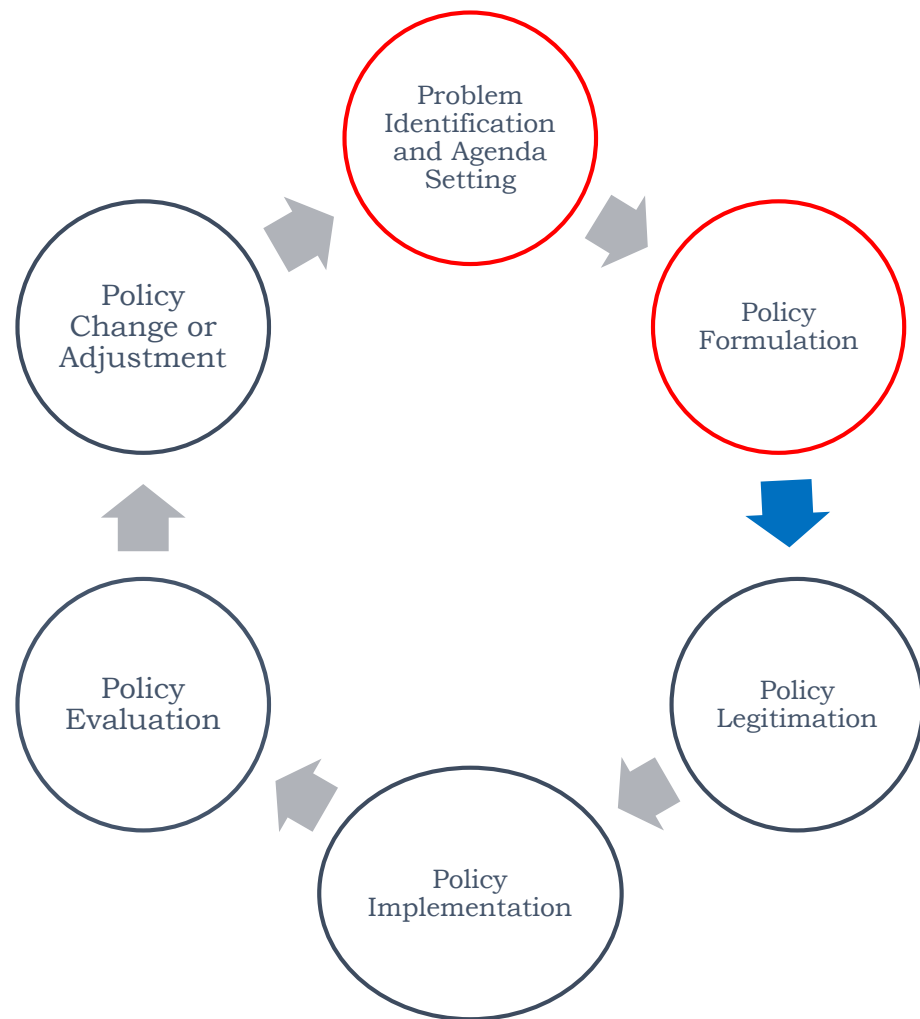
What Level of Government?

- Federal
- State
- County
- Municipal
- Special Purpose
 - School District, Tourism Board, etc.

What Branch or Department?

- Is legislation required?
- Can the executive issue a directive?
- What department or agency is implicated?

5. What happens next?



- You make your proposal.
- Government officials decide what to do with it.
- Legislative body debates, OR the executive decides.
- Legitimation (Passage)!
- Implementation.
- Assessment.

Please enjoy the rest of your day.

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