

Day 3: How We Study Public Policy

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Road map

- Theories of Policy Process
- Models of Policy Analysis

Theories of the Policy Process

Each describes macro-level forces in the making of public policy. Questions for us: What does each reveal and what is each missing?

Theories of the Policy Process

Theory	What It Reveals	What Is Missing
1. Elite Theory		
2. Pluralism		
3. Feminism		
4. Institutionalism		
5. Incrementalism		

What About Punctuated Equilibrium?

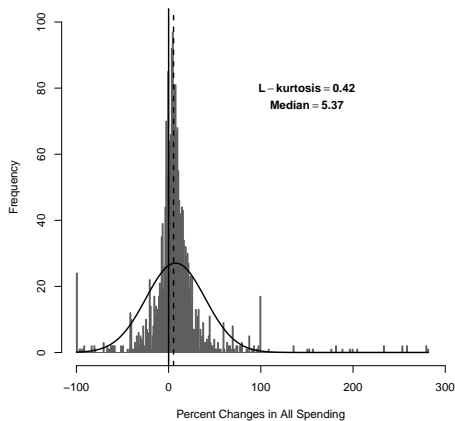


Figure: Source: [Mallinson 2016](#)

Models of Policy Analysis

Instructions

- Pair up
- Discuss the following:
 - What is the focus of each model?
 - What is neglected?

- 1 Process approaches
- 2 Substantive approaches
- 3 Public choice approaches
- 4 Post positivist approaches
- 5 Feminist approaches
- 6 Discursive approaches
- 7 Prescriptive approaches
- 8 Historical approaches

Discussion

Each of these models of policy analysis provides a different perspective. How might your view of a policy problem change depending on your perspective?

Questions?



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