

Public policy analysis and the criteria for evaluation of the public policy

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Abstract

Public policies constitute a huge importance in the lives of every citizen in each country. There are several different perspectives and concepts how policy is defined and some of those concepts are presented by famous scholars such as Thomas Dye, William Jenkins, Thomas Birkland, Moran Michael, Rein Martin, Robert Godin etc.

In regard of Public Policy Analysis, Michael Hill argues that some policy analysts are interested in furthering the understanding of policy (analysis of policy), some are interested in improving the quality of policy (analysis for policy), and some are interested in both activities. He presents some different kinds of policy analysis starting by studies of policy content. According to Hill Evaluation marks borderline between analysis of policy and analysis for policy. William Dum in his book on Public Policy Analysis argues that policy analysis is partly descriptive and relies on traditional social science discipline to explain the causes and consequences of policies. Warren Walker defines public policy analysis as a rational, systematic approach to making policy choices in the public sector. The Policy Analysis process generally involves performing the same set of logical steps and the steps that public policy analysis should be conducted.

Michael Kraft and Scott Furlong analyze some of the criteria for evaluation of the public policy such as: Effectiveness, Efficiency, Equity, and Political Feasibility.

In Kosovo, after the War ended, Education has been one of the most prioritized public policy by all Kosovo Governments. This Public Policy is developed at several levels, starting from preschool education up to higher education or University studies.

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