

Lesson 5.1: Introduction to Public Policy Guided Worksheet

STEP 1: We will watch the embedded YouTube Video on 5.1 for an introduction to public policy as browse the PDF file on the bottom of the page that are notes on public policy (if time permits).

How would you define public policy?

STEP 2: Please fill in YOUR section of the chart for the concepts of policy setting that you have been assigned. Be prepared to “present” to the class.

Concept	Question to answer/present
<i>Setting the Agenda (Wilson, p. 463-467)</i>	<i>What influences the nation’s policy agenda, who has a hand in creating it, how do these groups help shape it?</i>
<i>Making Decisions, Majoritarian Politics, Interest Group Politics, Client Politics, Entrepreneurial Politics (Wilson, p. 467-472)</i>	<i>What different factors go into deciding whether a specific policy is set and what determines who bears the cost vs. the benefit?</i>

<p><i>The Case of Business Regulation (Wilson, p. 472-478)</i></p>	<p><i>How does government regulation of business show that there is often no single or simple public policy solution to society's problems and issues?</i></p>
<p><i>Perception, Beliefs, Interests, and Values (Wilson, p. 479-481)</i></p>	<p><i>How do people's overall beliefs and interests help dictate the policy-making agenda?</i></p>

STEP 3: Read the Wikipedia entry (linked on 5.1) on public policy to get a better understanding of the concept.