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11.007 Day 7 Notes: **The Policymaking Process**

THE POLICY PROCESS

What is a model?

Why do we use models?

Rational Model

What is the “rational comprehensive” model of the policy process?

What is wrong with the rational model? Why is it not especially helpful?

Incremental Model

What is an incremental model of the policy process?

What is useful about the incremental model?

What is wrong with the incremental model? Said differently, what are its weaknesses?

The Garbage-Can Model

What portion of the policymaking process does Kingdon focus on?

What is the basis for Kingdon’s model of the policy process?

How, then, does Kingdon model the policy process?

What are the junctures at which the “coupling” of problems and policies occur?

What are the characteristics of policy windows?

What are policy entrepreneurs, and what are their attributes?