

POLICY

PURPOSE OF POLICY IS TO CAUSE
A CHANGE TOWARD A GOAL.

Policy can be considered as how we try to get from A → B, where A is the current situation and B is the desired situation.

$B = f(A, a, b, \dots \text{etc.})$. B is a function of the current situation (A) and the many causal factors (a, b, ... etc.)

Because we know very little about the current situation and the causal factors, as well as their relationships, our concern is not what will cause B, but what we believe will cause B.

It is not proof we seek, but a sufficient consideration of the factors as we can understand them to allow us to reason as well as we can.

Usually, the best we can do is to **infer** what causes B.

Therefore, the actual equation is:
B, our desired outcome,
A, what we understand about our current situation,
and the primary causal factors, those we perceive as being the most important.

Once we have a grasp of the above, we can try to develop policy options that may get us from A \rightarrow B.

Now the equation becomes:

$B = \int (A, \mathbf{an\ option}, a, b, \dots \text{ etc.})$. Here we weigh each option's potential to get us to B or closer to B.