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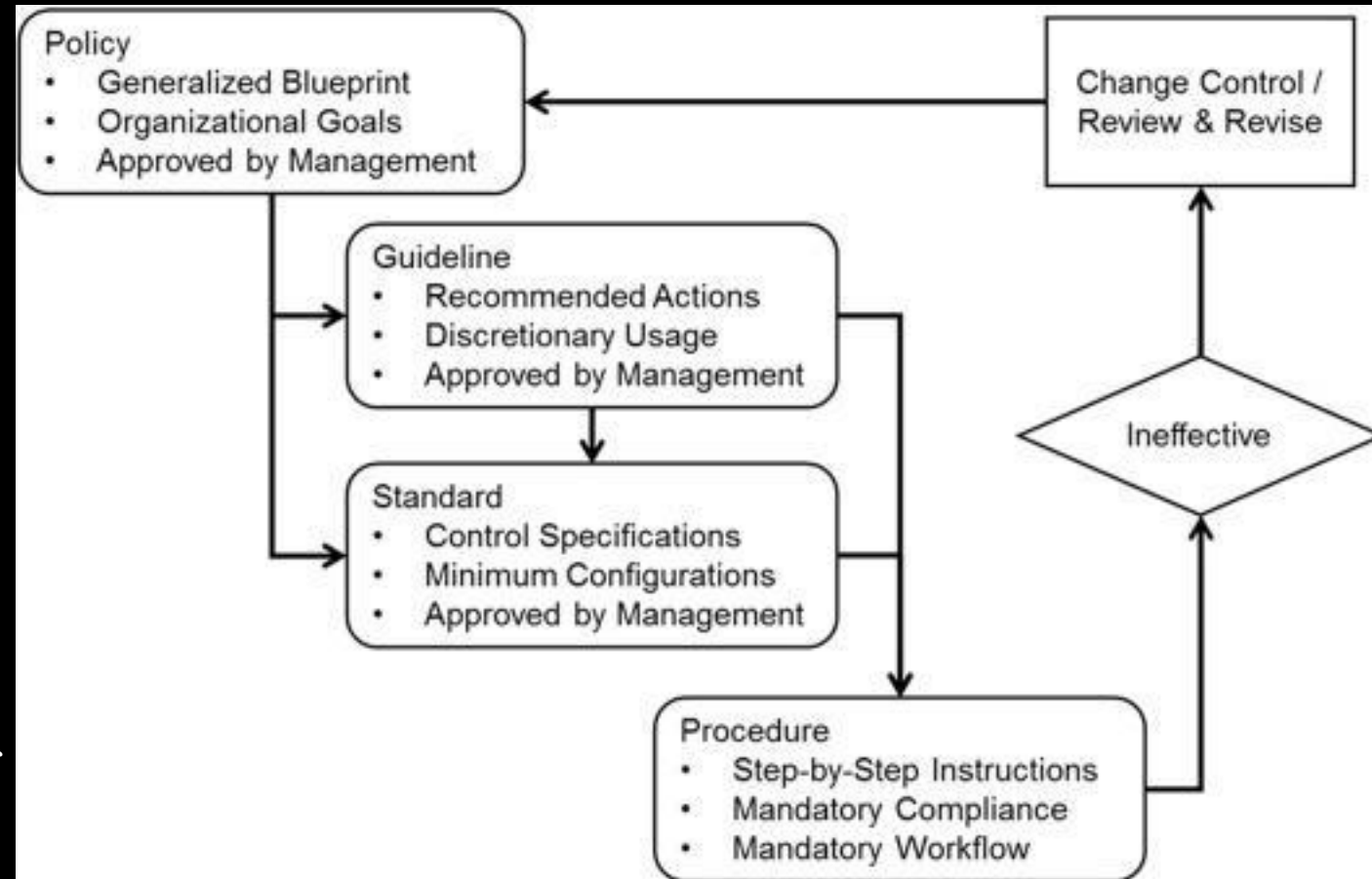
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FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE AND POLICY

- Who sponsored the meeting: The chair sponsored this session, and he told the audience that everyone is welcome to attend this critical meeting.
- What was proposed: The mayor included the Safer Stronger Amendment Act in the agenda of the meeting. It contained two main recommendations (Forbes Breaking News, 2023). The first one was the amendment of the D.C. criminal law, while the second was the addition of another substitute drug possession bill.
- What the reaction by those in attendance was: The reaction from the representative cross-section of D.C. was torn, where the main concern was to bring actual solutions instead of just talking about D.C.'s critical problems, particularly crime.
- Results of the vote: The vote was won.
- Proposed future action: it was noted that the inhabitants of D.C. did not have the same level of involvement and full control as the other state citizens



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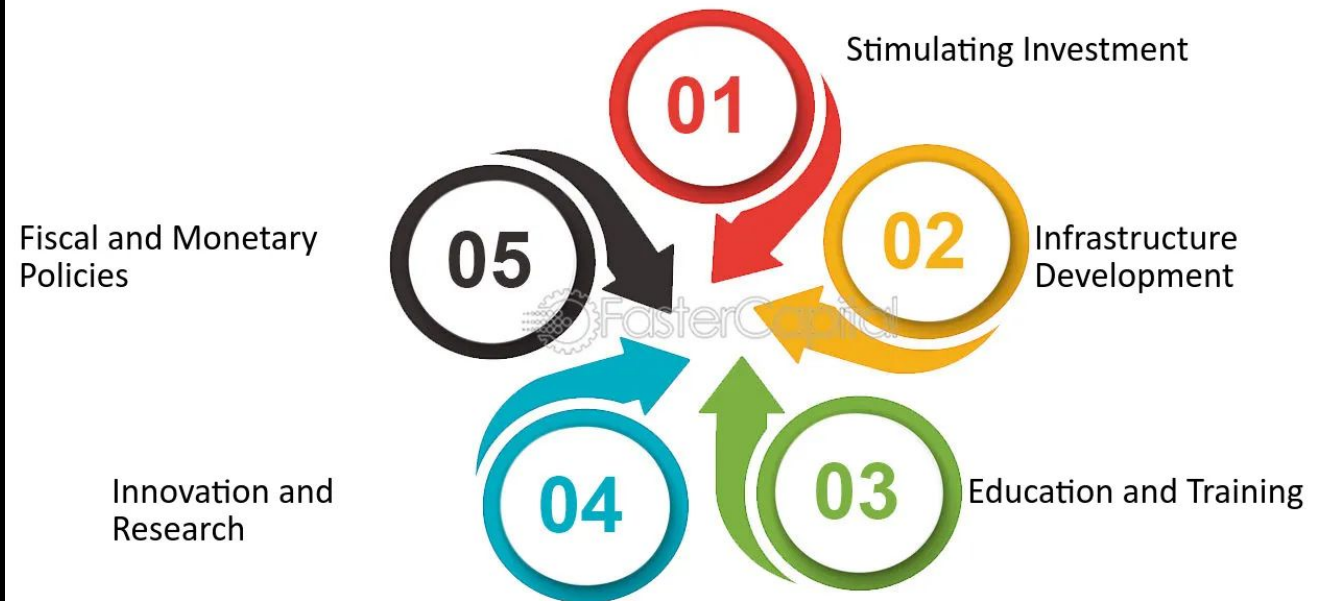
OVERVIEW

- The topic under consideration is the context of tackling violent crimes in the capital of the District of Columbia; this legislator proposal is called the Amendment, which seeks to reform D.C. criminal laws (Forbes Breaking News, 2023).
- This meeting showed that gun violence in our community has a profound effect on some areas of the district, causing the strategy to be changed to focus on the high crime zones where they had a remarkable increment in the reduction in several violent crime metrics (Farazmand, 2023).
- While pressing on the priority of severe violent crime cases and efforts towards their prosecution have shown a slight decrease in the number of the issued cases in part because treatment of misdemeanour disorders like unlawful entry and drug possession is now being shifted.

IMPORTANCE

- This Safe Stronger Amendment Act should not be overlooked in the context of solving a negative crime in Washington, D.C. The Mayor's proposed Act is a bill aimed at modifying DC criminal law and countering a growing use of shootings, homicides, and carjackings in the district over the past several weeks (Forbes Breaking News, 2023).
- The county attorney's proposal addressing public safety is highly significant toward a multi-dimensional approach composed of enforcement, opportunity, and prevention strategies. In a city having massive devastation from illegal weapons proliferation and certain violent crime categories, the Safer Stronger Amendment Act stands out as the main tack solution to address these major challenges (Kjaer, 2023).
- Through an alliance with cops and the community, the Act aims to control a small cluster of activists who major on the violence in the jumbled areas of the district.

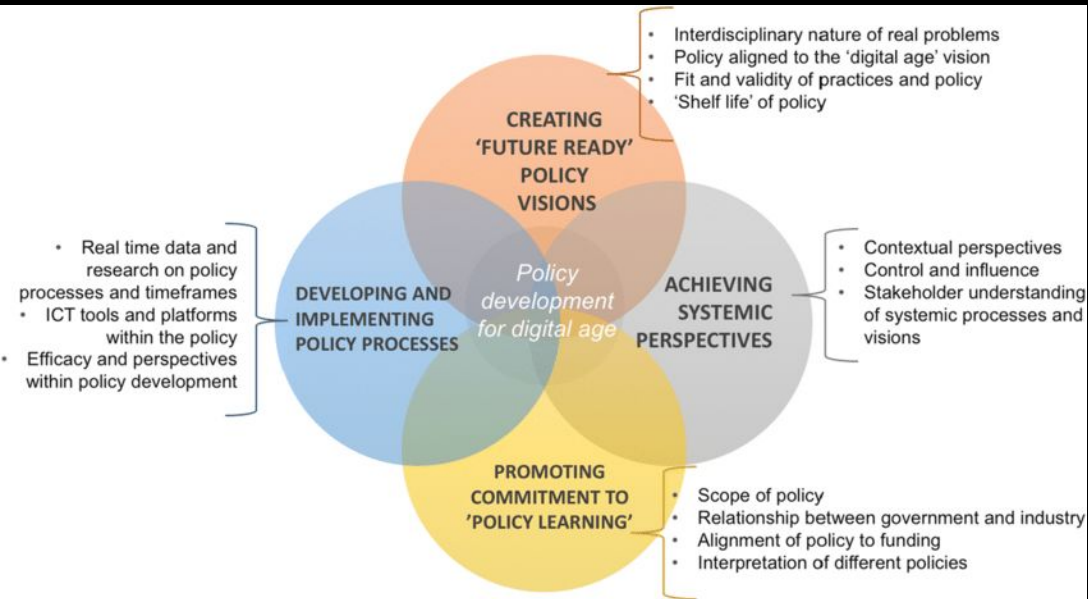
The Importance of Government Policies in Tackling Negative Gap



HOW (AND IF) THE MEETING ARTICULATES WHAT IS AT STAKE IN THE ISSUE

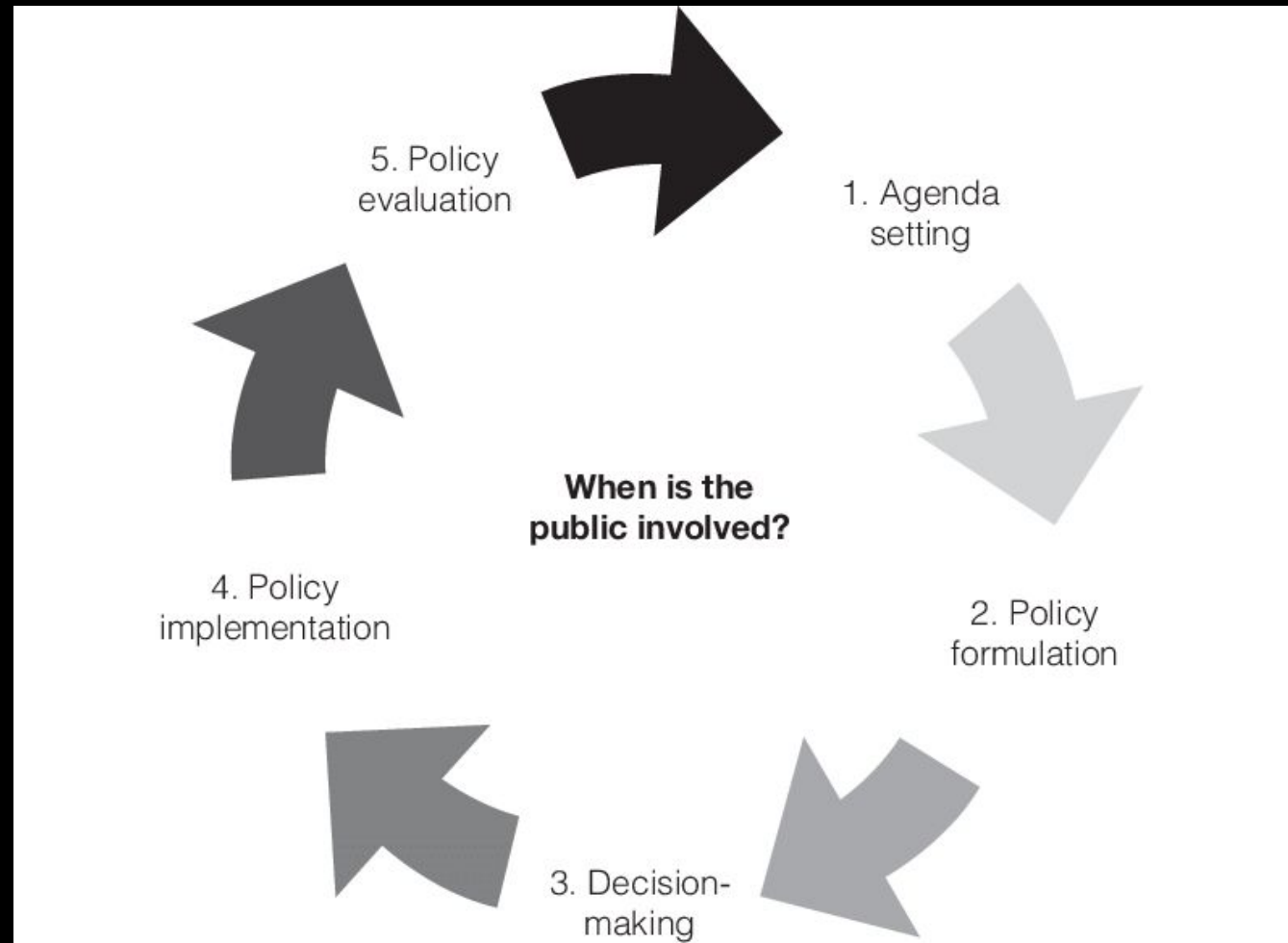


- The discussion describes the key problems related to preventing violence in Washington, D.C. Such distinctions help to understand how complex it is and how important it is to find appropriate solutions for these problems.
- As members of the Washington D.C. community, they face much at stake as the residents have to deal with increased crime, whose outlook portrays a complete lack of public safety in the nation's capital (Forbes Breaking News, 2023). The meeting requires the city authorities to take utmost caution to prevent jeopardizing the security and general welfare of the residents and visitors in Washington, who are already appalled by the ongoing crime wave.
- The need for decisive action in the intra-city crime crisis, which has ganged up lately, should not be taken for granted; rather, urgent remedial measures should be embraced. Also, this attests to the important stakeholders, ambassadors, and others actively answering these vital questions (de Benedictis-Kessner & Warshaw, 2020). To the city mayor and the US attorney, such a meeting shows potential ways in which authority may assess and enact proposed legislation, law enforcement methodologies, and prosecution exercises to fight violent crimes and ensure public safety.



THE STAGE OF THE POLICY MAKING PROCESS THE ISSUE IS CURRENTLY AT

- The topic covered by the sources in question is now reaching a phase where policy implementation and evaluation are taken up in the policy-making process. The meeting and discussion emphasise who is putting into practice several works and legislative initiatives to address the series of violence in Washington D. C. The Mayor's proposal of the Safer Stronger Amendment Act, which is a proposal to amend the D.C criminal law to tackle the upsurge of crime depicts the implementation phase of the policy-making (Yeatman, 2020).
- Additionally, demanding harsh punishments for serious violent crimes, strategically placing law enforcement officers in crime-prone areas, and forming collaboration mechanisms with other law enforcement agencies, the community, and organisations involved all indicate that efficient policies have been designed to solve the problem (Yeatman, 2020).



ROLES OF THE VARIOUS PARTICIPANTS

Roles according to a descending hierarchy

International level
(ex. E.U.)

- Cooperation between countries (treaties for SD);
- International institutions must generate and enforce multilateral agreements toward SD ;
- Creating frameworks (UNFCCC);
- Direct regulation and founding for SD;
- Setting up visions: Europe 2020 strategy, UN's SD21, UN Millennium Development Goals;

National level
(ex. Poland)

- Direct regulation focused on SD (laws on carbon emissions, on spatial planning, on green area, on basic services);
- Laws concerning specific ecological aspects (water, forests) and pollution (waste management);
- Prepare national level plans;
- Implementing national level sustainable policies ;

Regional level
(ex. Masovia)

- Preparing of regional level plans (including SD objectives);
- Implement a Regional Development Strategy;
- Clearly set the region's economic and political role;
- Implementing laws regarding SD;

Local Level
(ex. Warsaw)

- Local level cooperation;
- Sustainable spatial planning (addressing SD based on local specificities and problems);
- Implements different policies;
- Local (sustainable) development strategy;
- Attract founding.

•The role played by each of the participants engaged in the crime of violence in Washington DC is unique, but in the end, they collectively affect how the discourse will be and the possible end. These stakeholders, the mayor, the U.S. attorney, the D.C. Council, the American police force (MPD), the U.S. Congress, and the community representatives, have a crucial stake in the homicide prevention plan.

•Mayor: Apart from being the city chief executive, the mayor also enjoys considerable power when initiating legislative proposals such as the Safer Stronger Amendment Act and allocating public resources towards law enforcement. In addition, the mayor also holds the prerogative to propose bills that aim at addressing city crimes(Tyler, 2020). The mayor's leadership in supporting safety measures, dealing with the feds, and supervising the city concerning crime are crucial.

•U.S. Attorney: The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia is a constitutional pillar in preventing and prosecuting local crimes, and it collaborates with law enforcement agencies in reducing both violent and property crimes (Tyler, 2020). The choices they make about whether to prosecute certain cases and the methods they use to punish criminals are important factors in implementing laws and running an equal court in the district.

•D.C. Council: The D.C. Council, as the District Capitol legislative body, directs legislation redrawn through policy proposals. The DC council's standings on crime legislation, spending allocations, and community involvement strategy direct the flow of public safety protocols in the District.

ROLES OF THE VARIOUS PARTICIPANTS CNT

- **Metropolitan Police Department (MPD):** MPD implements the district's law, crime investigation, and other session preservation processes. These are their tactical plans, how they allocate resources, and how societal policing regimes directly affect city crime rates and the feelings of safety in the residents.
- **U.S. Congress:** Two important players in ensuring that crime is curbed in Washington D.C. is the U.S. Congress, particularly the oversight committee on top of the federal funding and legislative directives on crimes in their jurisdiction. Some of these actions include passing legislation, establishing joint resolutions, and forming partnerships with local authorities to support crime prevention and law enforcement efforts.
- **Community Representatives:** Citizen representatives, including residents, local businesses and nonprofits, advocate for safety measures and justify their policies that address the concerns and needs of the community (Tyler, 2020). Their involvement and participation also lead to choosing the right options or resource allocation.
- **As the central figure with authority and responsibility in shaping policies, allocating resources, and coordinating efforts to address violence in Washington, D.C., the mayor stands out as a powerful influencer in dealing with this issue. The following points illustrate this clearly (Tyler, 2020):** the initiation of legislation, interaction with law enforcement agencies, campaigning for public safety based on evidence, and collaborating with federal institutions are the mayor's key initiatives to fight violence.

Roles and Responsibilities of Government Officials



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