

Public policy is shaped by the interaction of the participants in the policy process with the policy agenda.

Public policy is the action the government takes to address an issue, solve a problem, or meet the needs and wishes of the citizens.

Participants in the policy process include political leaders, interest groups, the media, and individual citizens

These participants shape the policy agenda and develop public policy by:

- attending political and governmental meetings.
- lobbying.
- working in campaigns.
- contributing money to candidates and funding causes.
- organizing public opinion.
- filing a legal challenge.
- petitioning government.
- demonstrating.
- running for office.

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the process by which public policy is made by  
b) explaining how local, state, and national governments formulate public policy.