Public Opinion And Public Policy: Models Of Political Linkage

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Public Opinion and Public Policy: Models of Political Linkages. Homewood, IL: Dorsey. MacRae, Duncan. 1986. “Top-Down and Bottom-Up Models of Policy Implementation: A Critical Analysis and Suggested Synthesis.” Journal of Public Policy 6 (January): 21–48. Sabatier, Paul. 1988. “An Advocacy Coalition Framework of Policy Change and the Role of Policy-Oriented Learning Therein.” Policy Sciences 21 (Fall): 129–168. The link between the public opinion and public policy is fundamental to political representation. The current empirical literature tests a general model in which policy is considered to be a function of public preferences. The mechanics by which preferences are converted to policy are considered along with extensions of the basic model - extensions through which the magnitude of opinion representation varies systematically across issues and political institutions. Where P designates policy and O opinion. This is not meant to be a complete model of policy of course, as we know that many other things also matter (Jacobs & Shapiro, 2000). The equation is used solely to characterize the general relationship between opinion and policy.