

Security

Policy Paradox – Debora Stone

“The quest for security-whether economic, physical, psychological or military-brings a sense of urgency to politics and is one of the enduring sources of passion in policy controversies.”-

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Market Definition

- Security is the satisfaction of minimum human needs.
- Need – What is necessary for sheer physical survival?

Dimensions of Need

John Keynes – two types of needs

- Relative Needs – perspective of people within society, in the present (lift us above, or enable superiority)
- Absolute Needs – perspective of people outside society, alongside the present (feel them simultaneously with fellow human beings)

Needs in the Polis - Defines why the market definition doesn't work

- Count material uses of resources?
- Measure according to a fixed (absolute) standard?
- Provide only what meets the immediate/direct need?
- Secure current needs?
- Secure individual needs?

OR

- Count symbolic meanings and satisfactions provided by the resources?
- Measure according to a relative one?
- Provide for needs in broader sense?
- Protection against risks of future harm?
- Secure relational needs? Dignity, belonging, trust

The Security Efficiency Trade-Off

Often thought to be incompatible

Three reasons are:

- Motivation Argument - As services generate more security, meet more needs, they necessarily become less productive because of the way productivity is defined
- Productivity Argument – A standardized unit of measurement is needed in order to compare productivity industries
- Progress Argument – Without losses you can't have progress – as you go further into society, you divest from the old...