

The Introductory Studies of Theories for Decision-Making in the Public
Sector

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Abstract

Decision-making is the study of identifying and choosing alternatives based on the values and preferences of the decision maker. Decision making is also the process of sufficiently reducing uncertainty and doubt about alternatives to allow a reasonable choice to be made from among them. Many decision-making models had been constructed until now. For example, Charles Babbage, Frederick Taylor, and Henry Gantt are famous for their rational models. Herbert Simon' s famous for the "Satisfying model" ; Charles Lindbrom' s famous for the "Incremental model;" Amital Etzioni' s famous for the "Mixed-Scanning" approach; John Steinbruner' s famous for the "Cybernetic paradigm" (organizational process), and G. Allison' s famous for the "Governmental Politics model," etc. All of these models or approaches could help us to make decisions or to analyze decisions. The key point is that they are not to overthrow each other but to mutually complement each other.

People make decisions about anything anywhere, anytime. But how could we make better decisions? It depends. Every episode has its unique essence and environment. We have to choose suitable methods to make decisions. But first of all we must decide how to choose which decision model to analyze the issue and its environment.

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