People who feel mistreated or in need of assistance may approach a variety of institutional venues or paths to a remedy.

People have a problem, a policy goal, etc.

People seek a change in policy

Institutional venue/path to a remedy may be via courts, media, legislators, bureaucrats, lobbying firms, interest groups, etc.

People may organize a protest, form an interest group, or contact other institutions.

Decisions are made, laws are passed, or government refuses to act.

The policy agenda is influenced by both action and inaction.

Opinions of the courts may further influence policy.

Resulting policies secure, expand or curtail liberty.

People experience the outcomes/impact of government action or inaction.

The Policy Making Process