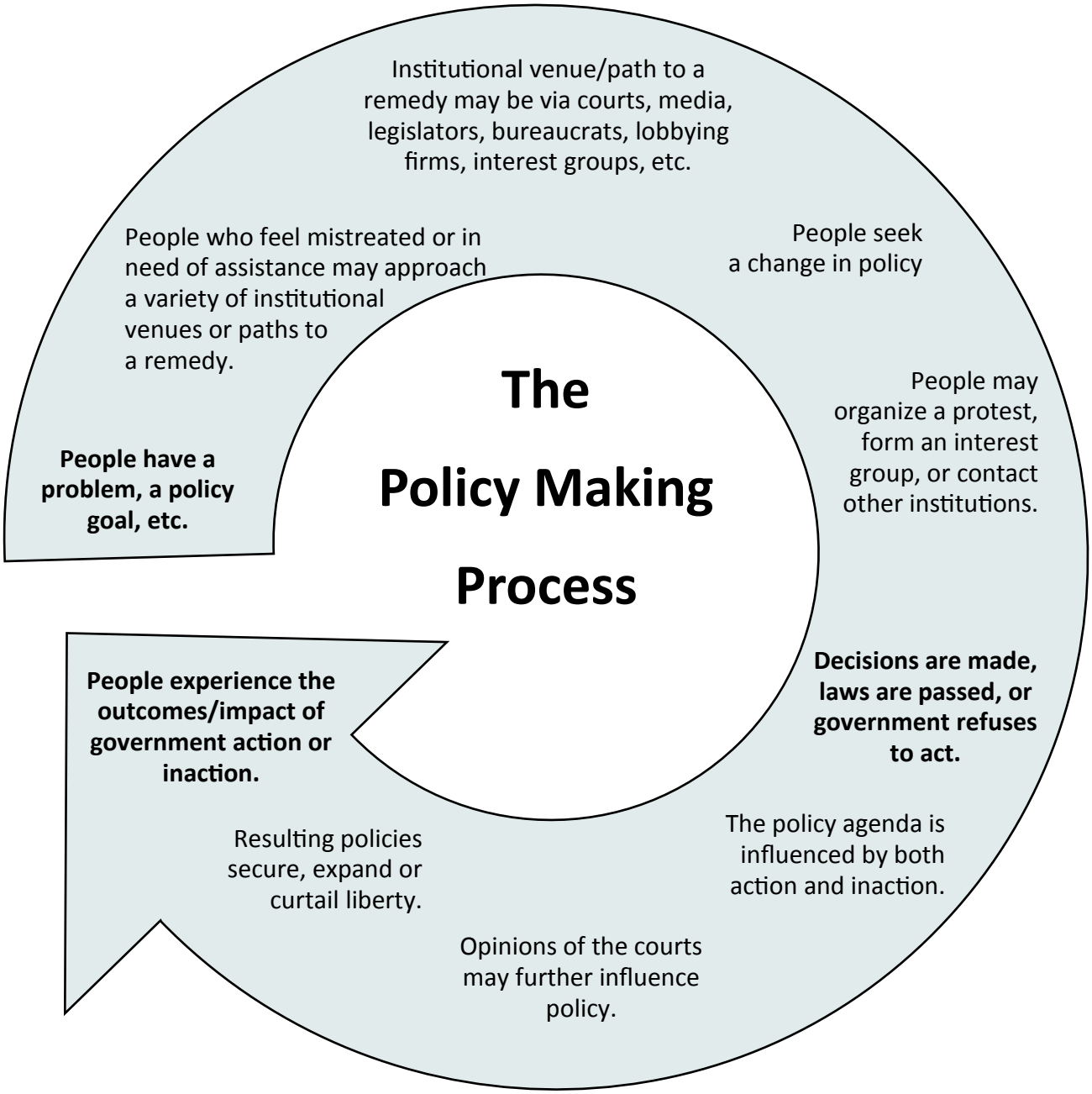
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Policy Making
Process
People have a problem, a policy goal, etc.
People who feel mistreated or in need of assistance may approach a variety of institutional venues or paths to a remedy.
Institutional venue/path to a remedy may be via courts, media, legislators, bureaucrats, lobbying firms, interest groups, etc.
People seek a change in policy
People may organize a protest, form an interest group, or contact other institutions.
The policy agenda is influenced by both action and inaction.
Decisions are made, laws are passed, or government refuses to act.
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.