

Discussion Group 2: Discussion of Stone through the News: Equity and Efficiency

Objective

The purpose of this discussion group is to deepen your understanding of Stone's goals of Equity and Efficiency in *Policy Paradox*. This discussion will help you learn to apply Stone's concepts to real-world policy decisions. Additionally, you will explore whether tradeoffs in achieving equity and efficiency goals do exist and how to manage such tradeoffs through policy decisions.

Assignment

Re-read chapters 2 and 3 of *Policy Paradox* that cover "Equity" and "Efficiency." Also read the provided news articles "Uganda AIDS Vaccine Test: Urgency Affects Ethics Rules" and "In Drug Research, Some Guinea Pigs Are Now Human." Be prepared to discuss how Stone's concepts of equity and efficiency, as well as a tradeoff between the two goals, play out in these two news stories.

Deliverable

For each news article, write 1-2 short paragraphs (less than ½ page) covering the following questions:

1. What are the issues of equity in the story?
2. What are the issues of efficiency in the story?
3. Is there a tradeoff between achieving both equity and efficiency?

Responses should be typed and succinct. Be prepared to submit your responses to the small group facilitator at the end of your discussion session. The responses will be graded on a pass-fail metric. While grammar and spelling error will not count against you, please use complete and clear sentences to structure your thoughts and ideas.