

Discussion Group 3: Discussion of Stone through the News: Security and Liberty

Objective

The purpose of this discussion group is to deepen your understanding of Stone's goals of Security and Liberty 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 security and liberty goals do exist and how to manage such tradeoffs through policy decisions.

Assignment

Re-read chapters 4 and 5 of *Policy Paradox* that cover "Security" and "Liberty." Also read the provided news articles "Airport Screeners could get X-rated X-ray views," "High court to weigh security certificates: Civil liberties at core of three key challenges to anti-terrorism law," and "Who does the net think you are?" Be prepared to discuss how Stone's concepts of security and liberty, as well as a tradeoff between the two goals, play out in these news stories. Also consider whether additional tradeoffs might exist between all four of Stone's policy goals: security, liberty, equity, and efficiency.

Deliverable

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

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

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.