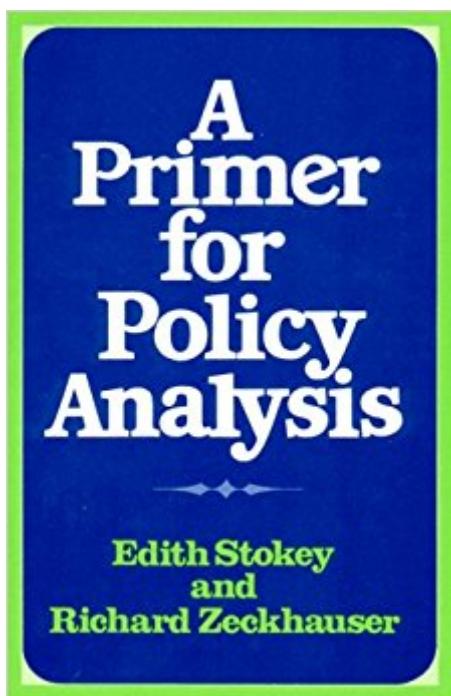


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# A Primer For Policy Analysis



## Synopsis

A Primer for Policy Analysis is an overview of economic theory as it is applied to environmental problems. It does not, however, consider other approaches to such problems. In their book, Stokey and Zeckhauser argue that policy-making decisions are economic decisions and economic theory is applicable to policy-making.

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Stokey and Zeckhauser. . . . Those names have sent shivers through students of policy analysis over time. This represents a strong and rigorous introduction to major tools for policy analysis. If you successfully process this book, you will be well equipped to analyze policy. The first section of the book comprises three chapters, providing an introduction to policy and policy analysis. The authors note at the outset (Page ix): "This is a do-it-yourself book: the more effort you put into it, the more understanding you will get out of it." Furthermore (Page 3): ". . .the emphasis in this book is on how decisions ought to be analyzed and made, rather than on the details of the information that should serve as inputs to the decision." Discussion in this section examines models and how to choose which models to use. But the guts of the book is Part II, "Nuts and Bolts." Here, the reader is introduced to a variety of tools of policy analysis. Examples: Queues (this helps answer the question of how many ticket booths should be available at a baseball game); Simulations; benefit-cost analysis (weigh the costs and benefits of a proposal, to see if benefits outweigh costs; if not, maybe consider not taking the action); decision analysis; and so on. Part III, "Ends and Means," reflects on

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Would have given it five stars, but I don't throw the term "Love" around lightly

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