Fig. 1.1. The principle dimensions, categories, and terms of the policy sciences approach to problem solving organized into a framework
The “Policy Sciences” is Not the Same as Public Policy Research
-But There is Considerable Overlap-

Serves Primarily the Policy Sciences and Secondarily Public Policy (before 2015)

Serves Primarily Public Policy (Policy Process & Policy Analysis/Evaluation Research)

From the Policy Sciences journal website:

“Policy Sciences favors, but does not publish exclusively, works that either explicitly or implicitly utilize the policy sciences framework. The policy sciences are a distinctive subset within the policy movement in that they embrace the traditions of innovated and elaborated by Harold D. Lasswell and Myers S. McDougal. The policy sciences can be applied to articles with greater or lesser intensity to accommodate the focus of an author’s work. At the minimum, this means taking a problem oriented, multi-method or contextual approach.”

http://www.springer.com/social+sciences/political+science/journal/11077

Anonymous PPTs about a Scholar’s Relationship with the Policy Sciences

Love/Hate Dynamics

HATE

• Waste of time– wasn’t getting published
  – How could I follow a path that has such grave professional consequences?
• Reality of rejection of PS in broader academic community
  – Labeled a crank
• Conflicting signals about what is legitimate scholarship
  – PS vs. the world

LOVE

• PS gave some real insight into the cases
  – Social process characteristics
• Understood literatures from a decision process standpoint
  – Literature is obsessed with intelligence, promotion, Rx, ignores invocation, application, appraisal, termination
• Emotional connection to an approach that resonates professionally and personally

IRONY

• Using the policy sciences made it a better book
• But it was not publishable
• Microcosm for the state of the Society and our current plight
• We have something good to sell, but no one is buying? Why?

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