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There are eight key elements of policy frameworks. A social program or policy is systematically examined by policy frameworks. The recognition that all policy options have competing priorities and that social policy is context sensitive is reflected in policy frameworks. Policy frameworks make use of logical approaches to research and analysis. Policy analysis uses data that has been objectively interpreted and analyzed from legitimate sources and scientific research. The analytic approach is clear, and all subsequent policy analyses ought to arrive at roughly the same conclusion. The commitment to achieve the greatest possible social and economic benefit at the lowest possible cost is the foundation of policy analysis. A good social policy is one that, in accordance with the self-interest of at least one person, does no harm to anyone else. Policy analysts should nonetheless strive for that optimality, despite the fact that it is rarely achieved in the real world of limited resources and the proliferation of claims on them. A policy or program's unintended effects should be taken into consideration in policy frameworks. Creating multiple policy models or scenarios could help with this. Policy analysts should think about other social policies or other ways to use resources that are currently or in the future allocated to a particular policy. Models that investigate a policy's potential impact on other social policies, social problems, and the public good should be used in policy frameworks.

Information, an understanding of the ramifications of a policy on the target problem and other problems and policies, and alternative policies that could more effectively address the problem can be provided to decision makers and the general public by a policy framework. When an analytical policy framework is not used in the decision-making process, negative outcomes are more likely to occur. When you implement a policy unforeseen circumstances occur that were not intended. Another way that some social policies can be impractical in utilization is because of the institution's resources or lack

there of. The criminalization of marijuana which came about on the policy of being tough on crime resulted in the over arrest of Black Americans in comparison to White Americans. The intention of the policy was changed over time, resulting to the legalization of marijuana.