

Social Welfare Policy Analysis

Popple and Leighninger (2019) Approach

- **Historical Analysis**

- How was the problem handled in the past, what policies or programs were already in existence?
- How has the specific policy/program developed over time?
- What does history tell us about effective/ineffective approaches? What lessons did we learn?

- **Social Analysis**

- Describe the problem.
- What population was affected by the problem (size, defining characteristics, distribution)?
- What are the primary social values (think NASW Code of Ethics) regarding this policy?
- What are the goals of this policy?

- **Economic Analysis**

- What are the effects of the policy on the functioning of the economy – income, inflation, unemployment, etc.?
- What is the cost vs. benefit analysis?

- **Political Analysis**

- Who are the major stakeholders regarding this policy or program (who are the supporters and opponents)?
- To what extent did any compromise affect the way the policy or program helped or hindered the desired population it was intended to serve?