

TABLE 17.1

TYPES OF POLICY

TYPE OF POLICY	POLICY GOAL	WHO PROMOTES THIS POLICY?	WHO BENEFITS? (WINS)	WHO PAYS? (LOSES)	EXAMPLES
REDISTRIBUTIVE	To help the have-nots in society	Public interest groups, officials motivated by values	Disadvantaged citizens	Middle- and upper-class taxpayers	Medicaid; food assistance
DISTRIBUTIVE	To meet the needs of various groups	Legislators and interest groups	Members of interest groups and the legislators they support	All taxpayers	Homeowners' tax deductions; veterans' benefits; anticrime policies; education reform
REGULATORY	To limit or control actions of individuals or groups	Public interest groups	Public	Targeted groups	Environmental policy