

TABLE 14.1

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 stamps
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