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Education Policy and Practices

Policy Differences

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Policy: Changing definitions



- Prescriptive intent (1970s)
- Action (or inaction) in selecting goals, defining values or allocating resources (1980s)
- Text and action, words and deeds, what is enacted as well as intended (1990s)

Types of Policies



- distributive/ redistributive
- symbolic/ material
- rational/ incremental
- substantive/ procedural
- regulatory/ deregulatory
- top-down/ bottom-up



Key Concepts

- ideology
- power
- hegemony
- discourse

Contested Terrain



- Form your Ozga groups.
- Discuss your groups question.
- Reform groups of mixed questions.
- Take it in turns to provide your answer to the group.
- Discuss and clarify any questions