

How Problems Reach the Agenda

Political Science

Why some problems get attention and others do not.

The multiple streams model.

The three streams

Problem — a condition defined as needing action

Policy — an available, workable solution

Politics — the political will to act

The window

Opens when the three align

Often triggered by a focusing event

Usually brief

Entrepreneurs couple the streams

Educational reference. Solutions frequently exist long before the problem they get attached to becomes urgent.