

Distributive Politics

Political Science

How political systems allocate benefits and costs.

Cost and benefit distribution.

Benefits	Costs	Politics
Concentrated	Dispersed	Easiest to enact and hardest to repeal
Concentrated	Concentrated	Interest group conflict
Dispersed	Concentrated	Hard to enact, well-organised opposition
Dispersed	Dispersed	Majoritarian, low salience

Educational reference. Subsidies persist because beneficiaries organise and those paying a few pounds each do not.