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The Dictionary of Public Policy and Administration contains more than 1,600 or so entries, and very impressive amount of pertinent information. It gives succinct definitions, and remarkable explanations of both classical and contemporary concepts, ideas, and terms. The following is an example:

**Public** 1) The people in general  
2) The citizens of a jurisdiction 3. A subset of a large public such as a novelist's public (those who read his books) of the reading public (those who regularly read books).

**Public Administration** 1) Whatever government does. As an activity, public administration has no values. It merely reflects the cultural norms, beliefs, and power realities of its society 2) The Law in action. Public administration is inherently the

**I** and reference books including International Encyclopedia of Public Policy and Administration (a four-volume reference).

**II** execution of a public law. 3) Regulation 4) The executive function in government 5) Organizing and managing people and other resources to achieve the goals of government 6) Implementing the public interest 7) the art and science of management applied to the public sector. 8) According to David H. Rosembloom, it is the use of managerial, political, and legal thesis and processes legislative, and judicial governmental mandates for the provision of regulatory and service functions for the society as a whole or for some segments of it, Public Administration, 2nd ed. (1989)

**Public policy** 1) A policy made on behalf of a public by means of a public law or regulation that is put into effect by public administration. 2) Decision making by government. Governments are constantly concerned

about what they should or should not do. And whatever they do or do not as is

public policy. 3) The implementation of a subset of a governing doctrine.

### III

In my opinion this dictionary is a tool for all those who want to know about theories, concepts, practices, laws, institutions, literature, and people of the academic discipline and professional practice of public administration.

For this reason this Dictionary should be located on every student's desk and consulted whenever he needs to know a concise and understandable meaning of concepts, theories. etc in Public Administration.