# MAKING PUBLIC POLICY, MAKING POLICY WORK

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# WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS?

POLITICS IS ABOUT SOLVING COLLECTIVE ACTION PROBLEMS

**CHANGING BEHAVIOUR** 



COLLECTIVE ACTION PROBLEMS?





# COLLECTIVE ACTION ACTION PROBLEMS

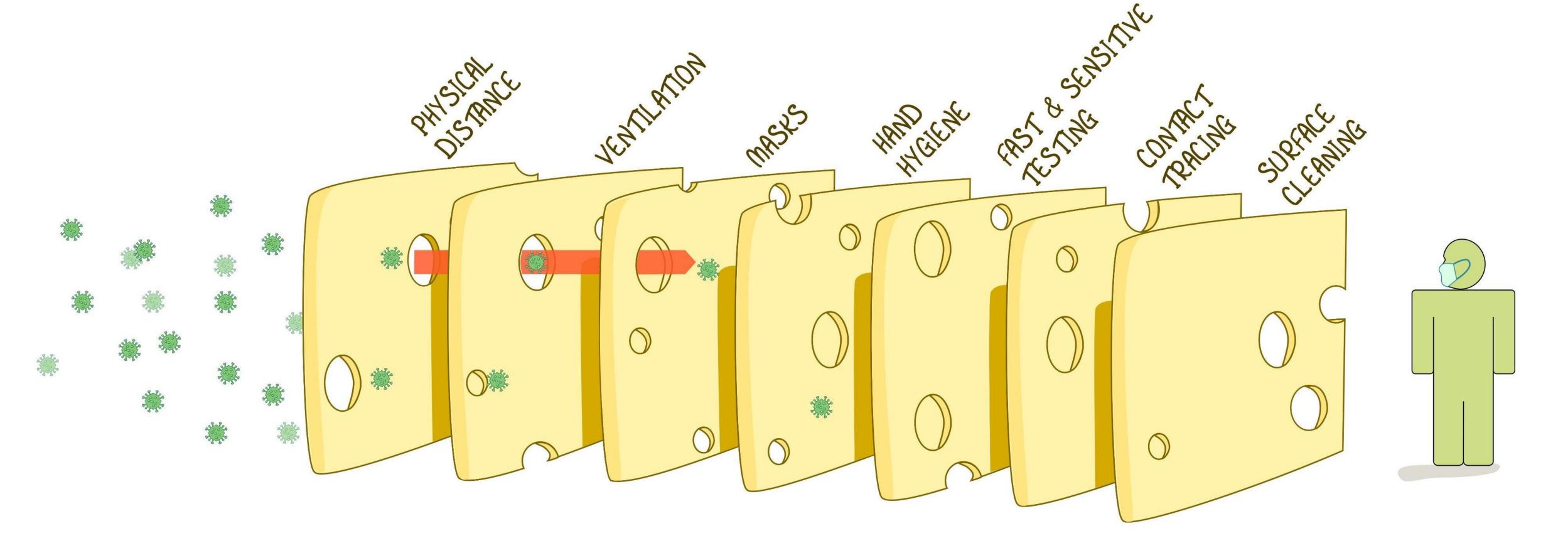
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### POLICY INSTRUMENTS

REGULATION INCENTIVES INFORMATION PROVISION



EACH INTERVENTION (LAYER) HAS IMPERFECTIONS (HOLES).

MULTIPLE LAYERS IMPROVE SUCCESS.

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BASED ON THE SWISS CHEESE MODEL OF ACCIDENT CAUSATION, BY JAMES T REASON, 1990

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#### INSTRUMENTS WORKS IN 'TEAMS'



#### REGULATION

SET RULES, STANDARDS FOR HOW PEOPLE, BUSINESSES BEHAVE, TO ENSURE THE PUBLIC INTEREST



#### INCENTIVES

PROVIDE A MOTIVATION, OFTEN FINANCIAL, TO GET PEOPLE, ORGANISATIONS, BUSINESSES TO BEHAVE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

### If you are experiencing violence during COVID-19:





Reach out to supportive far friends or neight



Call a hotline or access informatior online if possible



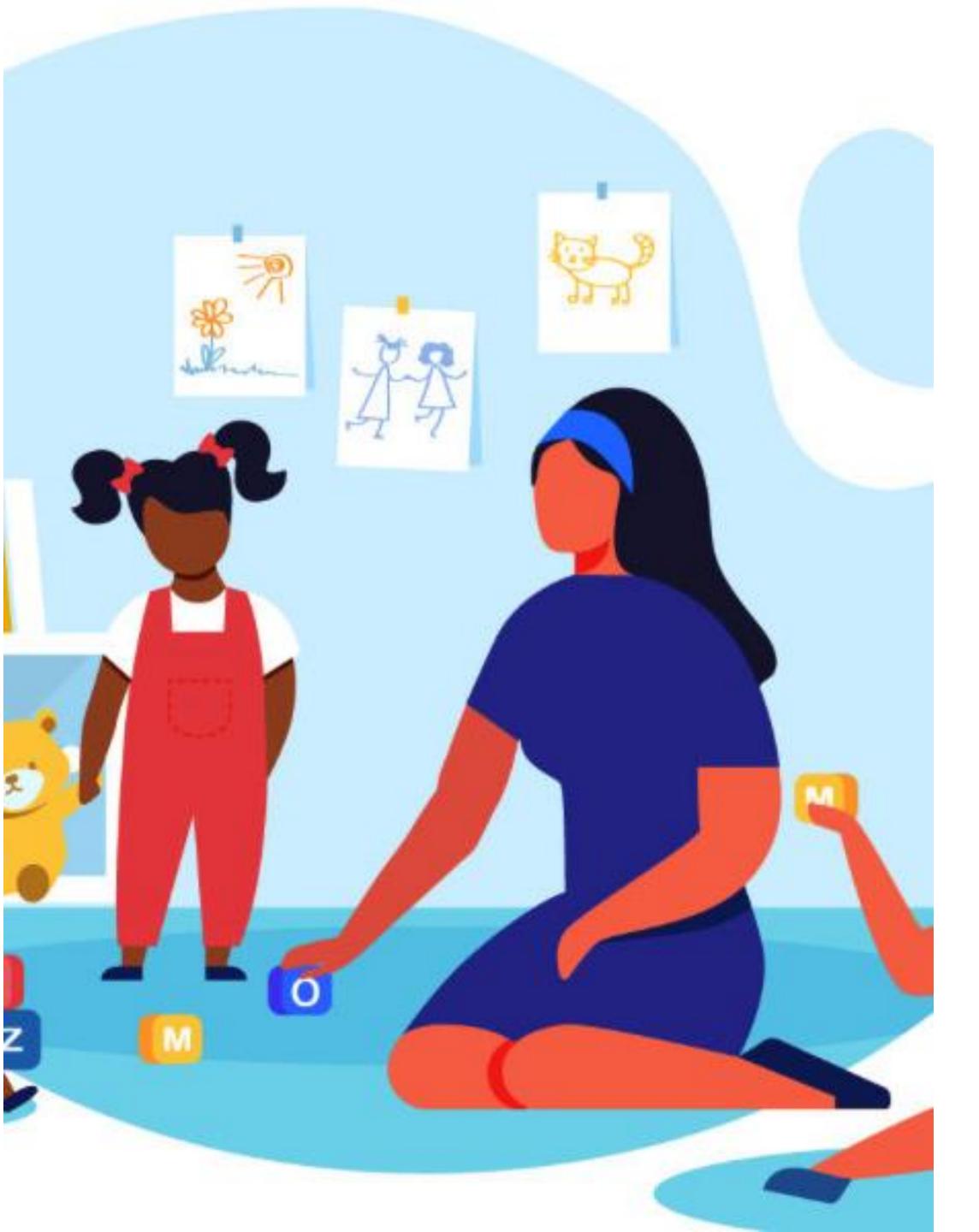
**Seek out** local services for survivors

#### INFORMATION

PROVIDE ADVICE OR GUIDANCE ON HOW TO BEHAVE







#### PROVISION

DIRECTLY PROVIDE GOODS THAT THE STATE THINKS WILL HELP SOLVE A POLICY PROBLEM



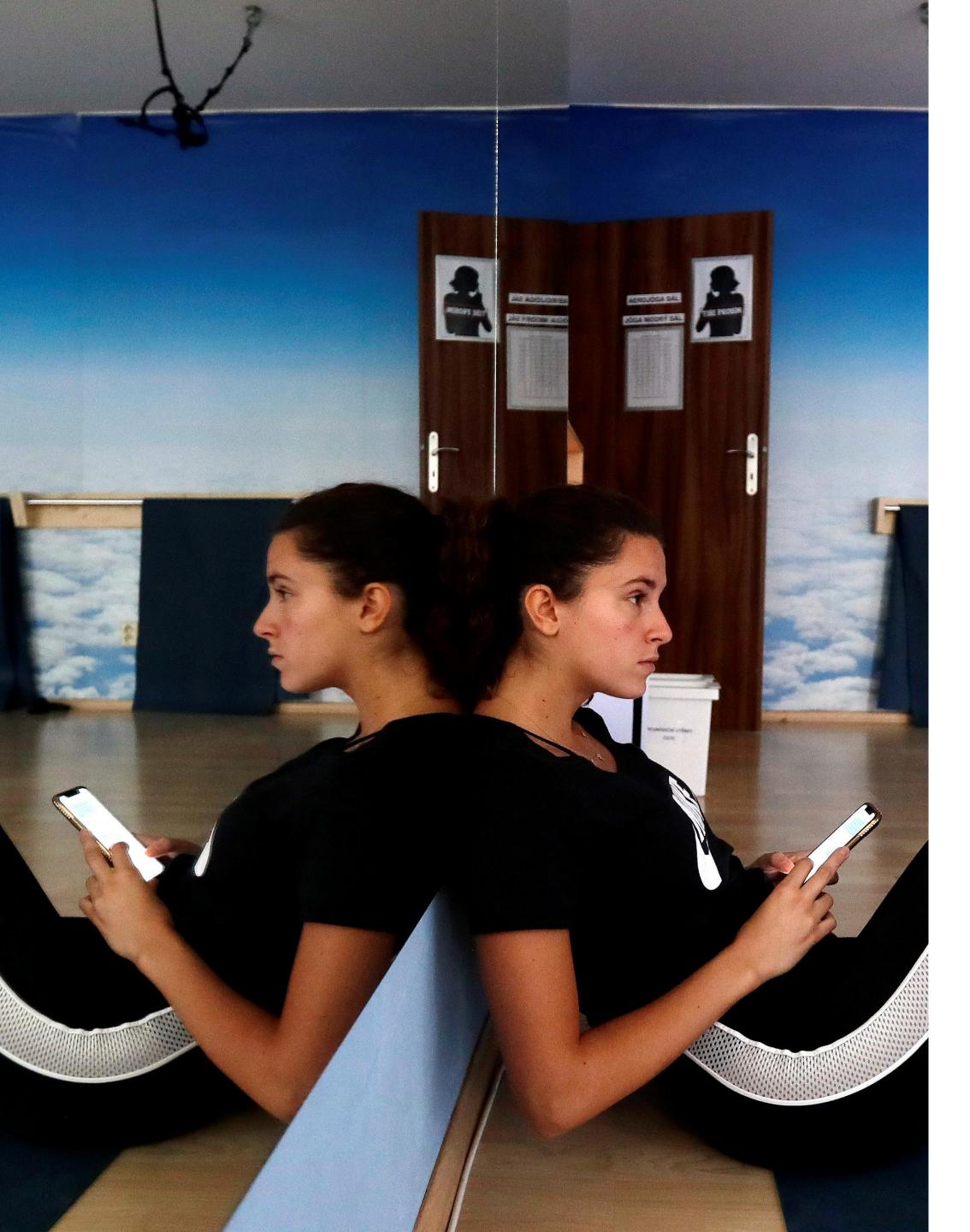
## COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS

TRIES TO WEIGH UP THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF ALTERNATIVE POLICIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO SEE WHICH IS THE BEST OPTION



### TRADE OFFS

GOVERNMENT CANNOT PROVIDE EVERYTHING FOR EVERYONE. TAXES HAVE IMPACTS.



#### TRADE OFFS

GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO MEDIATE THE DIFFERENT AND OFTEN CONFLICTING INTERESTS WITHIN A SOCIETY



### TIME HORIZONS

POLICIES MIGHT BE DESIGNED TO DELIVER BENEFITS AT A PARTICULAR TIME



#### UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

SOMETIMES WELL INTENTIONED POLICIES INCENTIVISE OUTCOMES THAT RUN COUNTER TO THE OBJECTIVE



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