

How to build effective Advocacy Strategies

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How Does Policy Change Happen?

1.`Coalition' Theory(Sabatier, Jenkins-Smith)

2. Policy Windows' Theory (Kingdon)

3.`Messaging and Frameworks' Theory (Tversky & Kahneman)

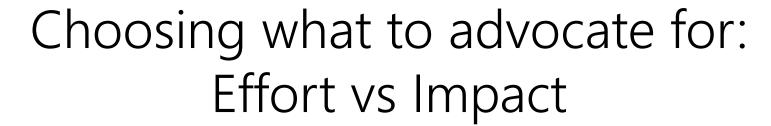
4. Power Politics' or Power Elites Theory(C. Wright Mills, Domhoff)

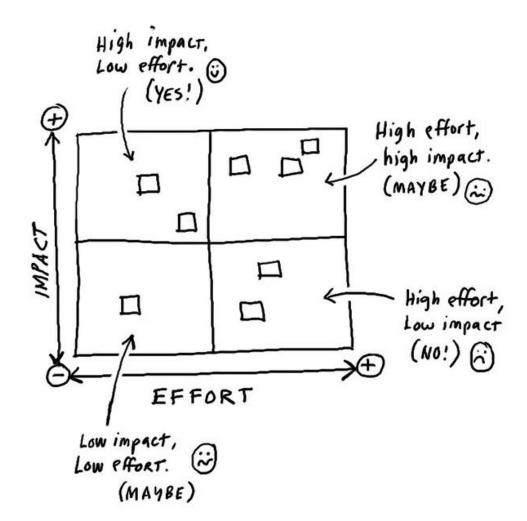
5. `Grassroots' or Community Organizing Theory (Alinsky, Biklen)





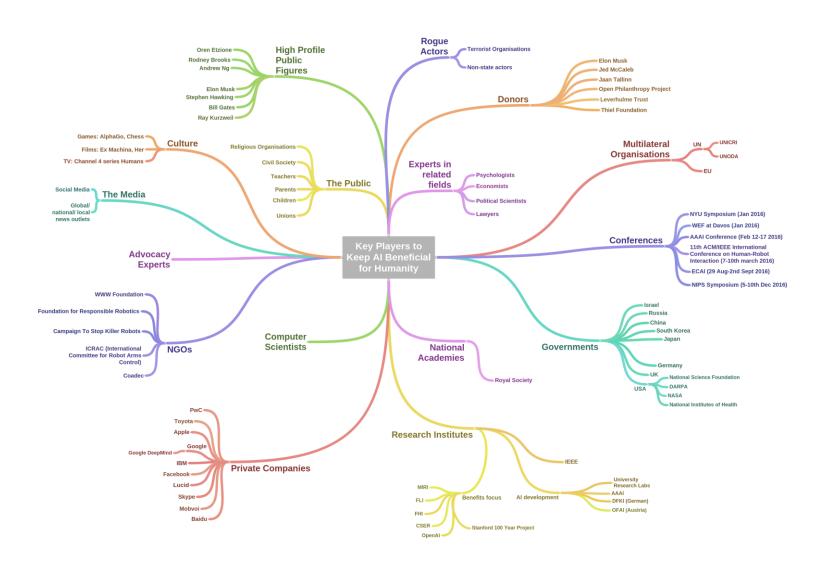
Designing an Advocacy Strategy







Stakeholder Analysis





Choosing a target

Decision-makers

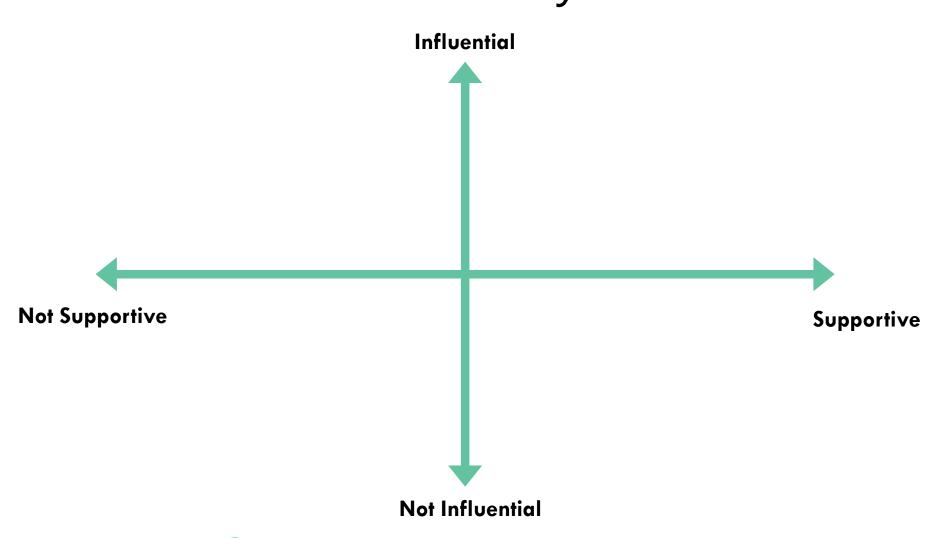
People who have the power to make the necessary changes

Secondary Targets

People who have influence over decisionmakers



Power Analysis





Theory of Change

"Turning the assets we have into the power we need to achieve the change we want"

So...what assets do we have?



What are we actually going to do?

- Lobbying, communications, public mobilisation
- Quality over quantity
- Smart partnerships
- Be creative. The power of a good idea
- Clear timelines, delegation, budgets
- Have a plan but maintain the ability to be opportunistic
- Monitor impact











Greenpeace Alternative Xmas Ad







... but don't let 'cool' get in the way of impact





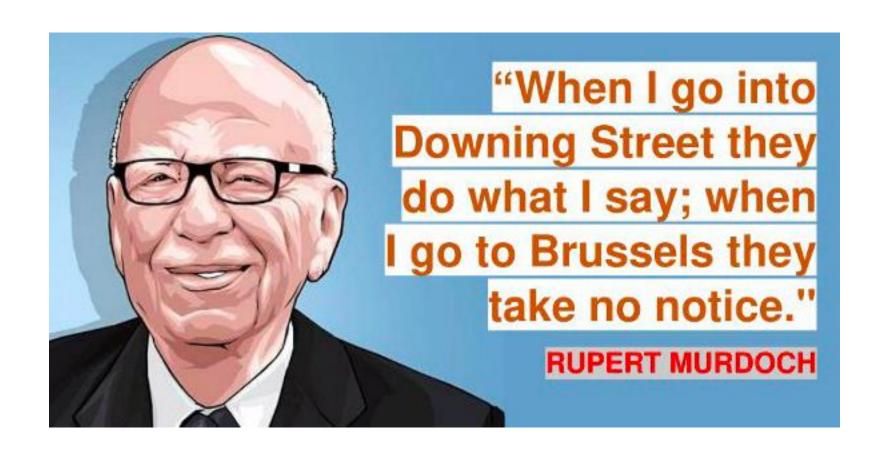
Reflections



Difficult Questions

- Does celebrity advocacy work?
- Isn't this all a bit un-democratic?







Any questions?