

**POLS 360**  
**Dr. Belt**  
**Written Assignment**  
**Due: Monday, 3/31/08**

This assignment requires you to read Chapter 14 of your textbook. Your assignment is to apply Hugh Heclo's concept of "Issue Networks" to the "Reinventing School Lunch" case study (both readings appear in the chapter, as do very helpful questions before and after the case study).

Make sure to explain the concept, isolate the relevant actors according to the concept, and analyze the utility of the concept in explaining the case study (how good of a job does it do). Be sure to support your analysis. Finally, what conclusions can you draw about the importance of this concept and the case study for understanding Public Administration.

This assignment is due at the beginning of class. It is to be type-written, double spaced, in 12-point Times Roman font with one inch margins on all sides. The page length requirement is 2-3 pages. Do not go beyond the page length maximum. Be clear and concise in your writing—do not write needless amounts of information.

Your grade will be based on the following:

10 Points	Introduction
10 Points	Explanation of "Issue Network" Concept
10 Points	Isolation of Actors in the Issue Network
40 Points	Quality of Analysis
10 Points	Conclusion
20 Points	Grammar & Style