Why do policymakers seem to ignore my evidence?

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1. Many policymakers have many different ideas about what counts as good evidence
2. They have to ignore almost all evidence
3. They do not control the policy process
What is the policy process?

- Institutions
- Actors in multiple levels/types of government
- Policy choice (rational & irrational)
- Ideas
- Networks
- Context
- Events
What should we do about it?
Herculean responses

Find out where the action is (‘actors’)

Learn the rules (‘institutions’)

Learn the language/ currency (‘ideas’)

Build trust and form alliances (‘networks’)

Exploit changing conditions, crises, or events (and ‘windows of opportunity’)
The JRC wheel

- Understanding Policy & Science
- Interpersonal Skills
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Synthesising Research
- Engaging with Citizens & Stakeholders
- Managing Expert Communities
- Advising Policymakers
- Communicating Scientific Knowledge

Better Evidence-Informed Policies

BE THE DIFFERENCE
THANK YOU

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