

Institutional Design and Civic Virtue

Exploring mechanisms of institutional design to
promote compliance and civic virtue

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Institutional Design

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Compliance

Civic Virtue

Institutional *Design*:

It does not only refer to totally new institutional agreements but also, and more importantly, to the continuous reelaboration of the already existing ones

Institutions:

- Sets of formal rules in a society
- Do not include organizations
- Do not include informal rules like social norms

***Civic Virtue*: causally effective and publicly oriented motivations**

- The social extension of Civic Virtue consists on the emergence of a publicly oriented body of social norms

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Ideal Type: Deviant-Centered Strategy (DCS) **(P. Pettit)**

- *Hiding of virtue*
- *Labelling*
- *Sanction-dependency*
- *Defiance*
- *Closing of ranks*
- *Adverse selection*

Ideal Type: Complier-Centered Strategy (CCS) (P. Pettit)

- First principle: suitable screening devices in the first place
- Second principle: non-alienating sanctions to control the agents selected
- Third principle: sanctions suitable for those offenders who repeatedly behave as knaves

Ideal Type: Complier-Centered Strategy (CCS) (Ayres and Braithwaite)

- Minimal sufficiency principle
- Punishment pyramid
- Benign big gun
- Tit for tat
- Super punishment

Institutional Design and Compliance

- CCS generates more compliance than DCS
- When a CCS is applied compliance increases with regard to T0 moment
- When a DCS is applied several counterproductive effects may arise

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➤ DCS and Civic Virtue

➤ CCS and Civic Virtue

- Widespread civility contexts
 - Social norms internalization mechanisms

- No widespread civility contexts
 - Social norms emergence/erosion (agreement, possibility of detection, and publicity)

Future developments :

- Applications: Act against smoking in public places (Spain), civic by-law (Barcelona), Forest Policies (Catalonia). New driving licence in Spain.
- Reformulation of the typology / context dependence
- Agent-based simulation model