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During the creation or development of policies, a relationship between interest groups, bureaucracy and congress is stronger. This is because of working together to achieve a common goal that will benefit them and the general public. Hence, the three groups form a triangle within which they decide on the policy law and how it will benefit the general public. This triangle is called the Iron Triangle. The triangle works as long as the parties involved play their part. For instance, the congress provides political and funding support to the bureaucracy and provides oversight and friendly legislation to the interest groups. The bureaucracy gives special favors and low regulations to the interest groups and offers the congress policy selection, which they end up executing. Lastly, the interest group supports the bureaucracy through congress and delivers electoral support to congress through donations and PACs (Pollack et al., 2018). Therefore, this is how the iron triangle works.

In most cases, the iron triangle fulfills its goals of making the general public's lives easier by developing new policies meant to protect their rights. The iron triangle also ensures that they fulfill their duties by helping each other since it leads to creating an unbreakable and lasting bond between them. For the goals to be achieved, the three groups have to strengthen their relationship (Wright & Lawlor-Wright, 2018). Any component of the triangle could not easily break the bond because they benefit from their relationship. Hence, the iron triangle is considered a beneficial group for all the parties involved, like how a symbiotic relationship works; all parties are getting a mutual benefit according to their played duties. However, some individuals argue that the relationship of the iron triangle does not benefit the general public certain things. This includes making certain policies that will only be a law but will not benefit the general public in any way.

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