

The background image shows a building facade with a large, dark, curved structure resembling a wheel or a large arch on the left side. The building has large, light-colored letters on its facade, including "P", "V", "A", "C", "H", "C", "E", "N", "T", "E", "R", and "P", "O", "L", "I", "T", "I", "C", "A", "N". The text "Seven Principles of Sound Policy (and Sound Governance)" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Seven Principles of Sound Policy (and Sound Governance)

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Seven Principles of Sound Policy

1. Free people are not equal, and equal people are not free.
2. What belongs to you, you tend to take care of; what belongs to no one or everyone tends to fall into disrepair.
3. Sound policy requires that we consider long-run effects and all people, not simply short-run effects and a few people.
4. If you encourage something, you get more of it; if you discourage something, you get less of it.

Seven Principles of Sound Policy

5. Nobody spends somebody else's money as carefully as he spends his own.
6. Government has nothing to give anybody except what it first takes from somebody, and a government that's big enough to give you everything you want is also big enough to take away everything you've got.
7. Liberty makes all the difference in the world.

Seven Principles of Sound Governance

1. Tell the truth.
2. Be faithful and fair.
3. Embrace accountability and insist on it.
4. Respect the governed and respect the government.
5. Govern with humility.
6. Serve the governed, not the systems or people of government.
7. Acknowledge the nature of government, and of man.