

How should social work education respond to the changing political landscape?



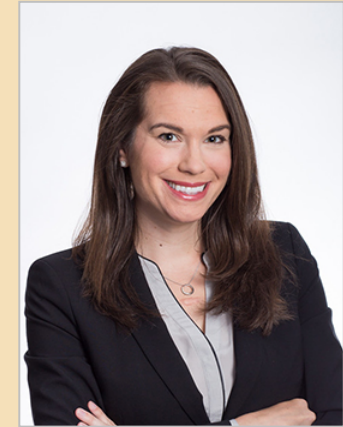
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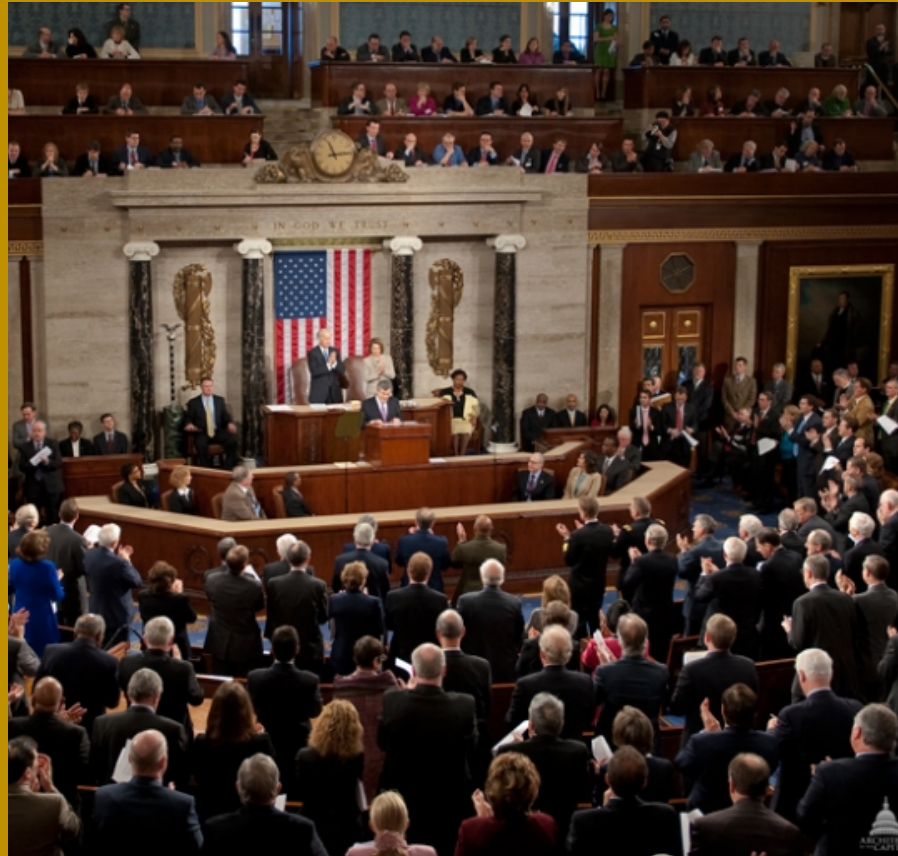
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MAKING SENSE *of the* NEW POLITICAL LANDSCAPE



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Social Messes

Different views of problem and solutions are contradictory



Most problems are interconnected to other problems



Multiple value conflicts



Risk difficult or impossible to calculate



Considerable Uncertainty

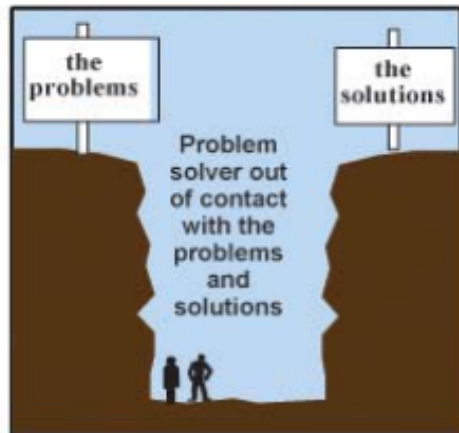
Ambiguous



Data are often uncertain or missing

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Consequences difficult to imagine



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Source: Horn & Weber, *New Tools For Resolving Wicked Problems*, 2007

1. Defining an ideal

2. Analyzing the issues

find the power to **imagine**
a future that reflects the
kind of world we desire and
to **invent the ways to**
realize it

– John Dewey
The Need for a Recovery of Philosophy, 1917



Defining an ideal

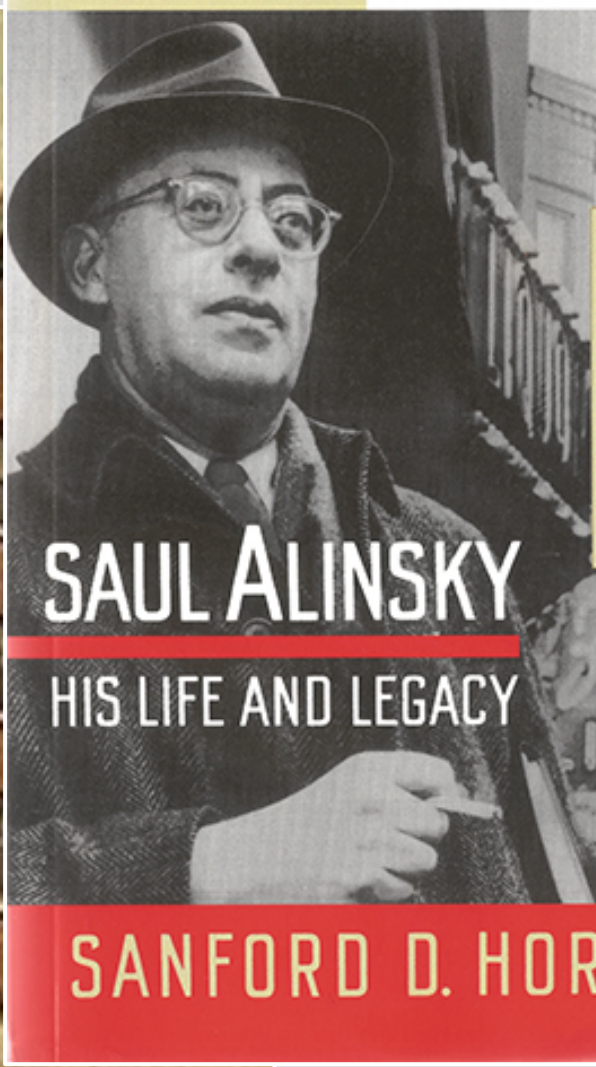
Inspiration from legacies of influential leaders

LET THEM
CALL ME **REBEL**



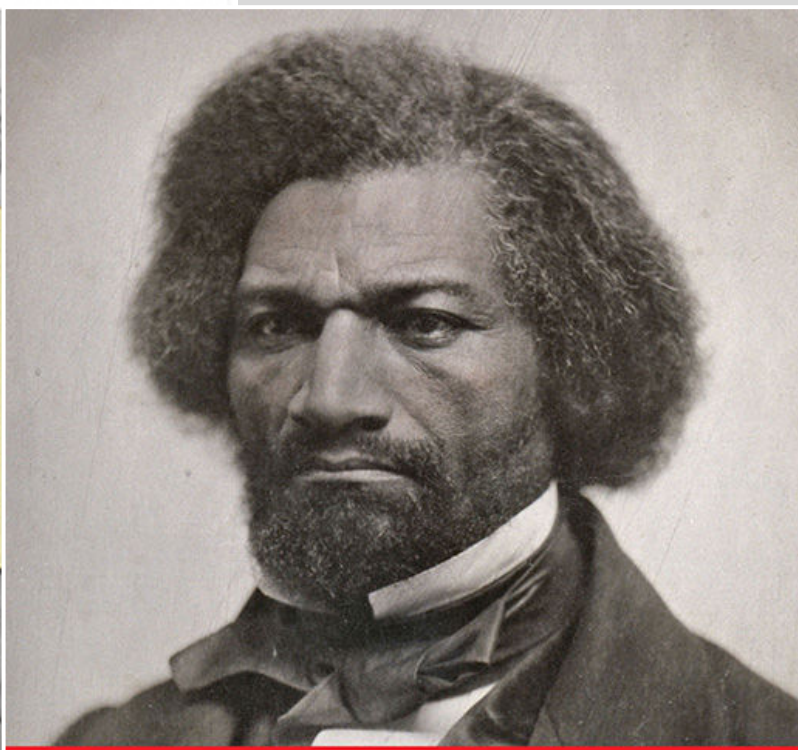
**20 Years at
Hull House**

by Jane Addams



SAUL ALINSKY
HIS LIFE AND LEGACY

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Frederick Douglass
Narrative of the Life of Frederick
Douglass, an American Slave

WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY
John Stauffer



Signing of the Voting Rights Act
President Lyndon B. Johnson
August 6, 1956



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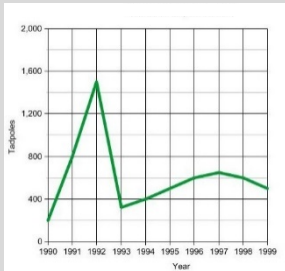
Essay assignment

Had you lived during the times of [the Great Society, Jane Addams, Frederick Douglass, other] what do you think it would have been like to practice social work then? How would you feel about the life chances of clients? How does your view of what it would have meant to practice social work in those times compare to how you think it will be when you start your career given the current historical times?

Legacies of influential leaders

can help us “recognize ourselves in new ways... and cultivate the gift of fanning the spark of hope in the past.”

In Paul Kramer, *History in a Time of Crisis*, 2017



Analyzing the issues

Implications of policies and recommendations

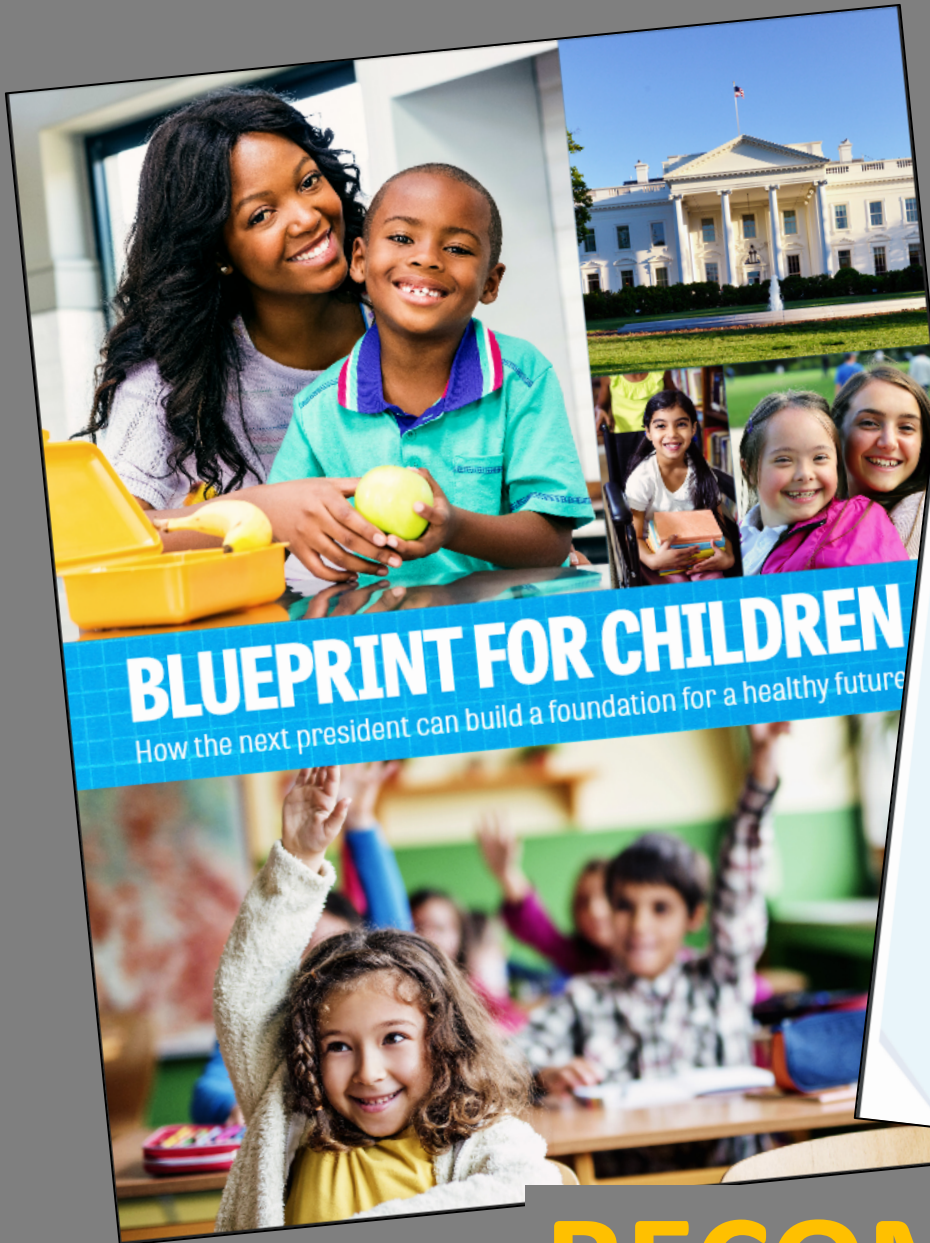
Impact of Affordable Care Act Repeal



Money on the Table: The Economic Cost of Ending DACA

Immigrant Legal Resource Center | By Jose Magaña-Salgado | December 2016

IMPACT



Opportunities To End Homelessness and Housing Poverty In A Trump Administration

DECEMBER 1, 2016
Diane Yentel,
President & CEO
National Low Income Housing Coalition

**NATIONAL LOW INCOME
HOUSING COALITION**

RECOMMENDATIONS

...is inequality
making us sick?

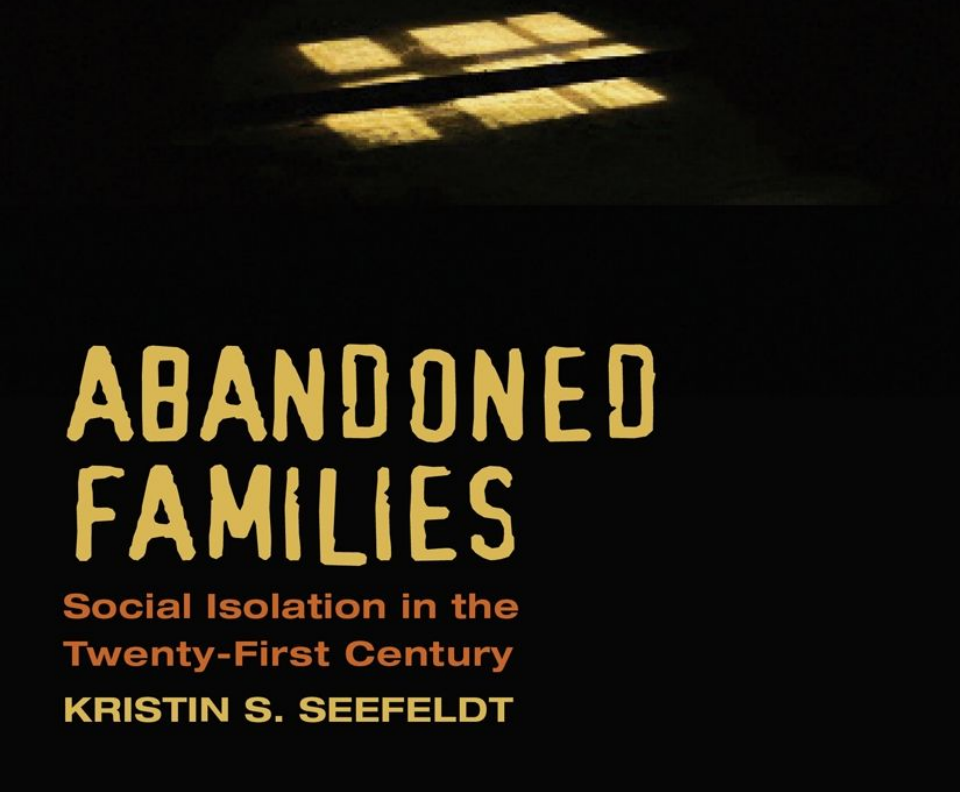
Analyzing the issues

The exposure of social inequality

With this election,
“things are being
illuminated that have
been going on for a
very long time.”

Bryan Stevenson
Founder & Executive Director
Equal Justice Initiative





ABANDONED FAMILIES

Social Isolation in the
Twenty-First Century

KRISTIN S. SEEFELDT



\$2.00 A DAY

Living on Almost Nothing in America

ANTI-BLACK RACISM AND THE AIDS EPIDEMIC



The New Jim Crow

Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness

The image features a dark background with a blue grid pattern. A blue ECG line is visible at the top, with labels 'I aVL', 'I V2', and 'I V5' above it. Below the ECG, there is a silhouette of a group of people. The text 'UNNATURAL CAUSES' is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image. Below this, the text '...is inequality making us sick?' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

UNNATURAL CAUSES

...is inequality making us sick?



Analyzing the issues

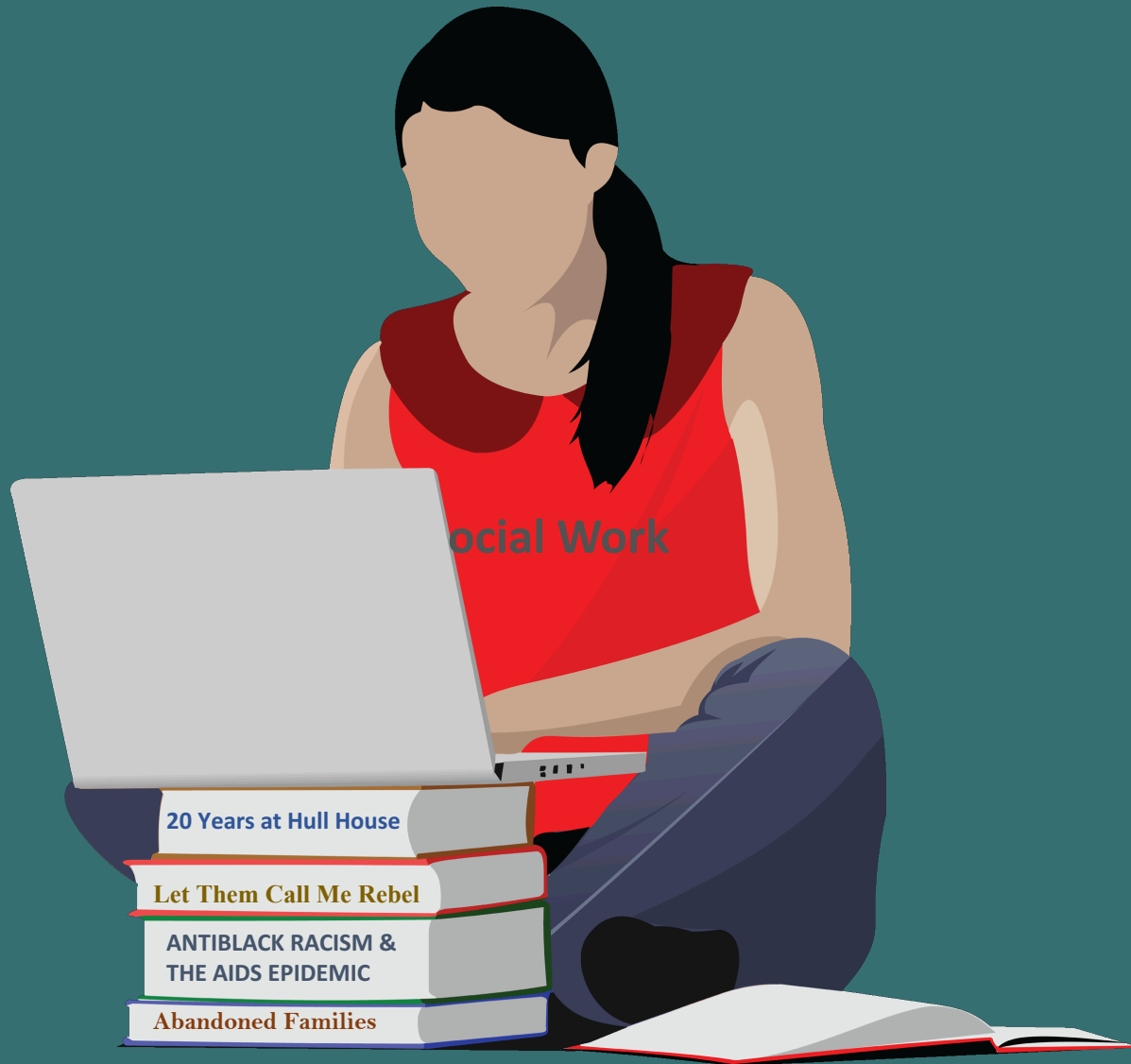
The role of social work

What human services will face:

- core mission challenges as they struggle to protect marginalized groups
- pressure to subsidize basic services that traditionally have been regarded
- increased regulatory challenges
- the growth of hybrid market and mission-oriented strategies (social enterprises)

What social work will be called to do:

- Engage in advocacy to protect and enhance basic human rights
- Prioritize efforts
- Communicate accurate, up-to-date data to partners and stakeholders as concerns or changes emerge
- Sustain a high-quality social work education



Social Work

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Five Keys to
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- Why do I advocate?
- Does advocacy make a difference?



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- Attempt to influence
- Learn more about someone else's opinions

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Why Advocacy Matters?

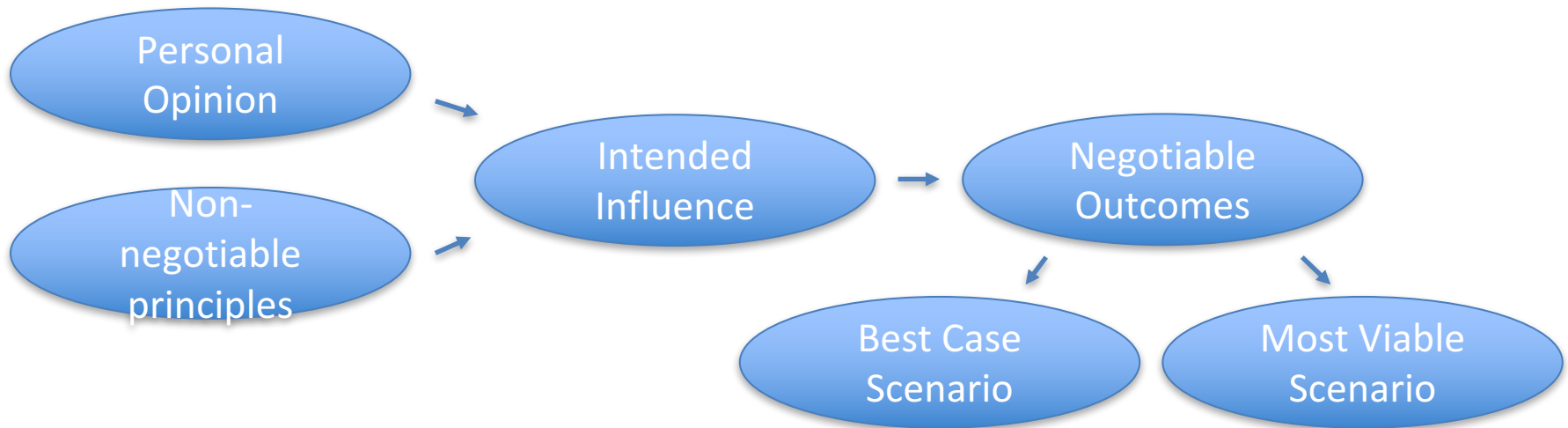
- Know that success can take many forms.
- The opportunity to inform someone of your priorities is a win.
- Your efforts are helping expand advocacy efforts and promote social work.

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Thinking Analytically



How do we do this?

- Ask questions
- Read, watch, listen to reliable news sources
- Identify stakeholders who are aligned with your perspective
- Identify opposing viewpoints
- Try out your argument on people whose opinions you value



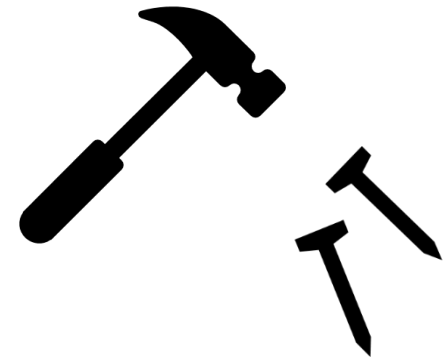
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Tools for Effectiveness

- Be prepared
- Develop background materials
- Know your audience (client, family member, policymaker, etc)
- Tell a personal story



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