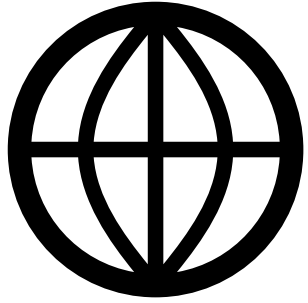


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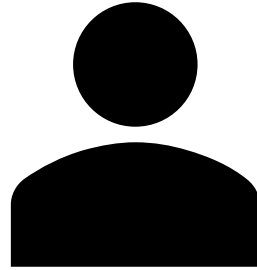
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**Globalization**



**Individualisation**



**Inequality**



**REPOLITICISATION  
SOCIAL CONTRACT**

**‘Who should get what and why?’**

# Two questions

1

To what extent do we believe in a social contract?

→ Political trust

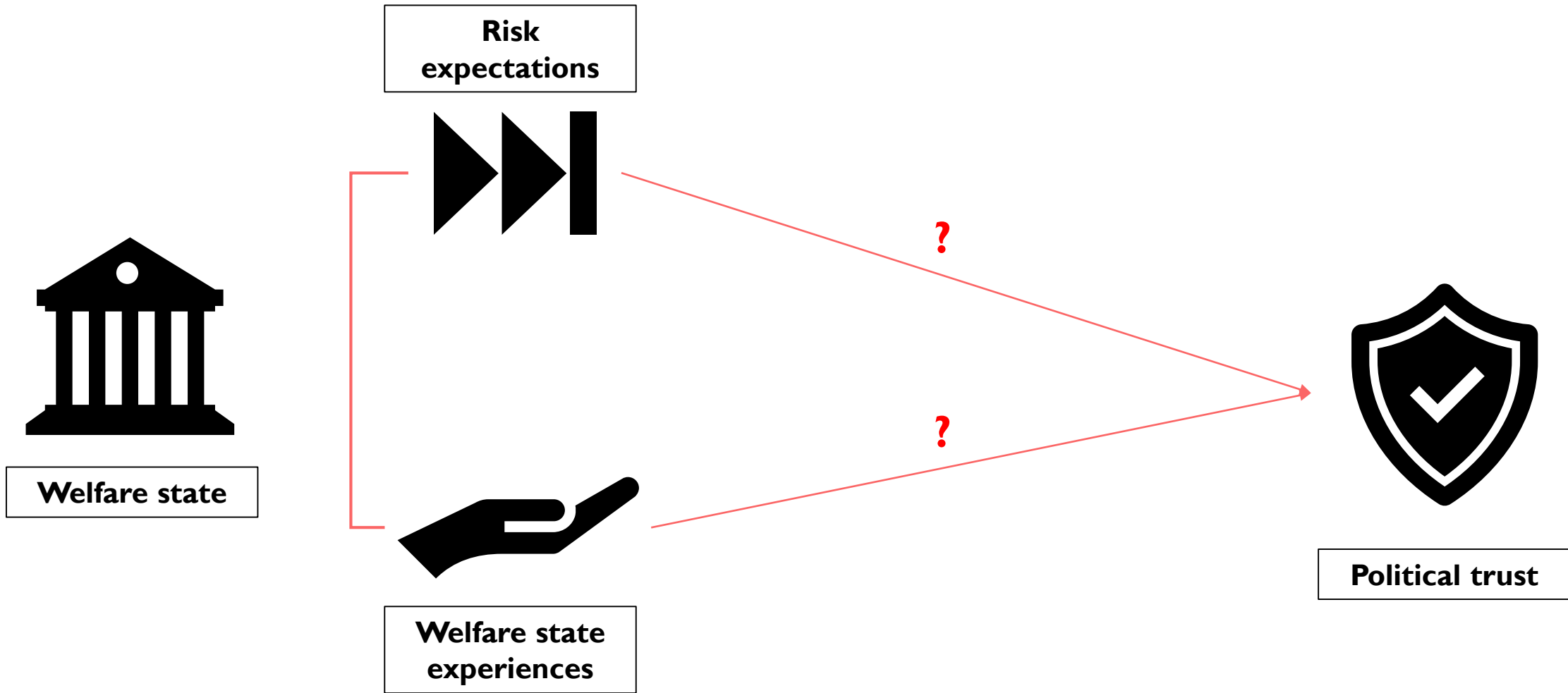
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According to which principles organize the social contract?

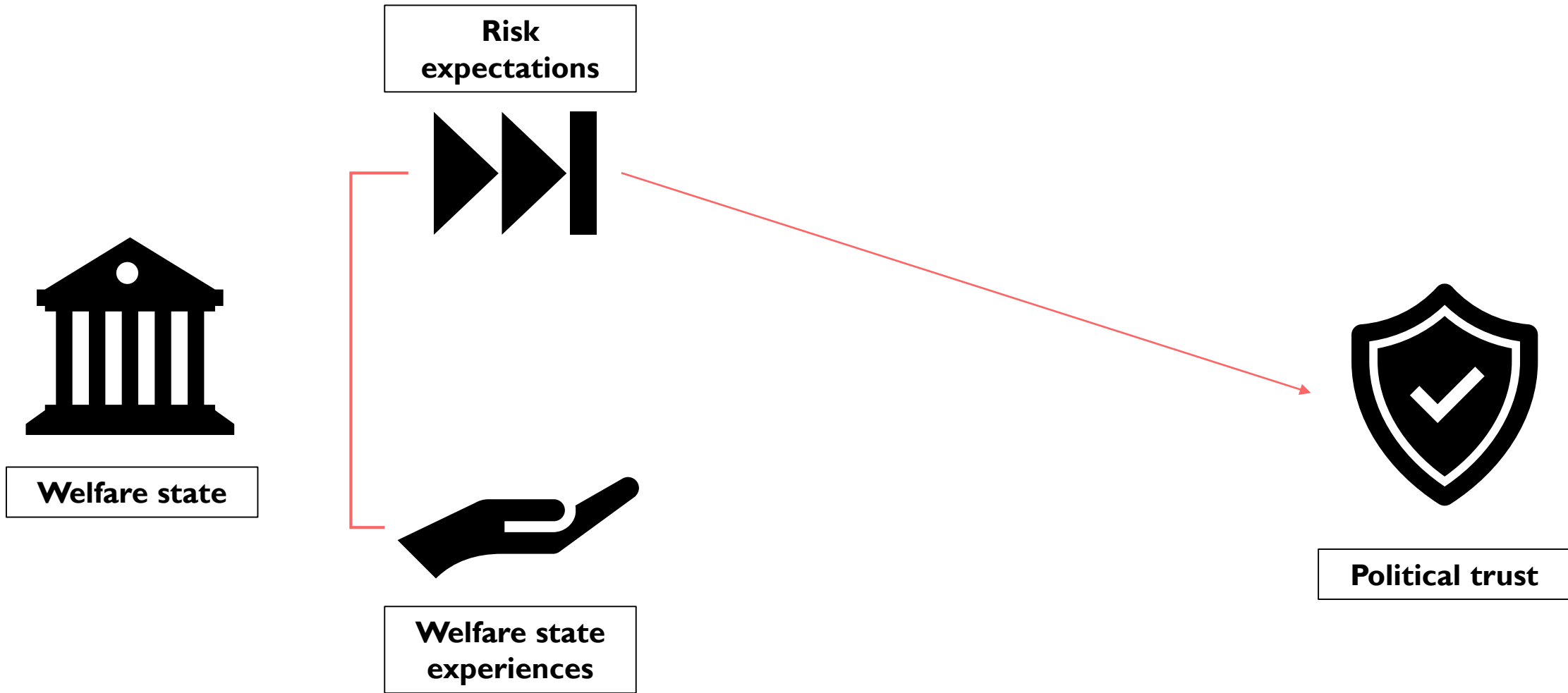
→ Distributive justice

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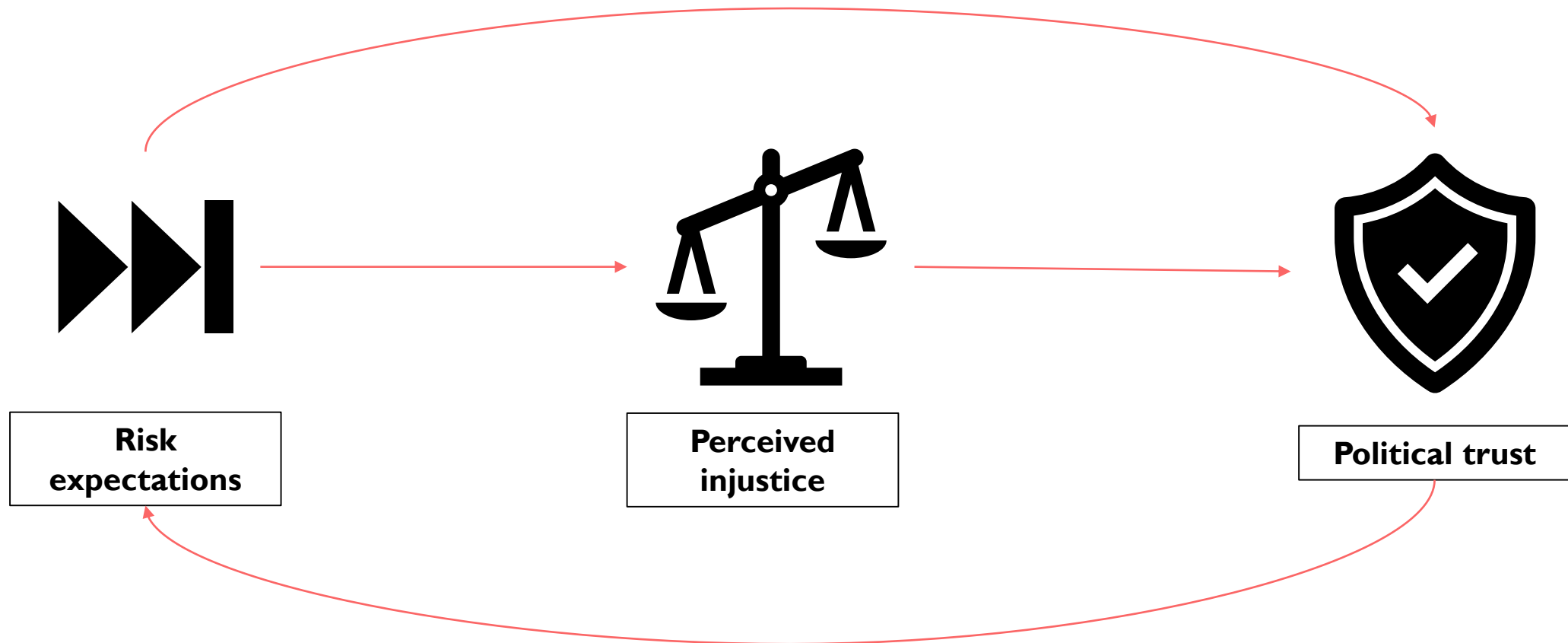
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# Political trust in the welfare state: Findings



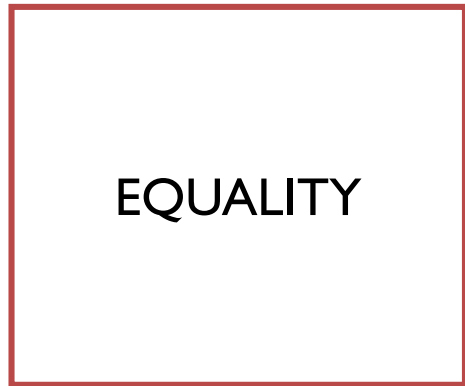
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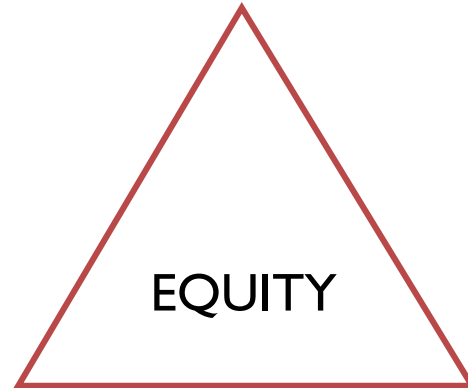
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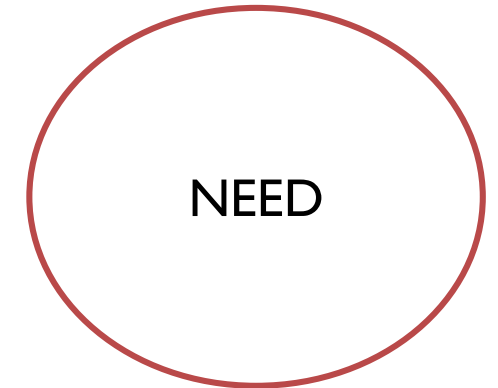
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**The same for everyone**

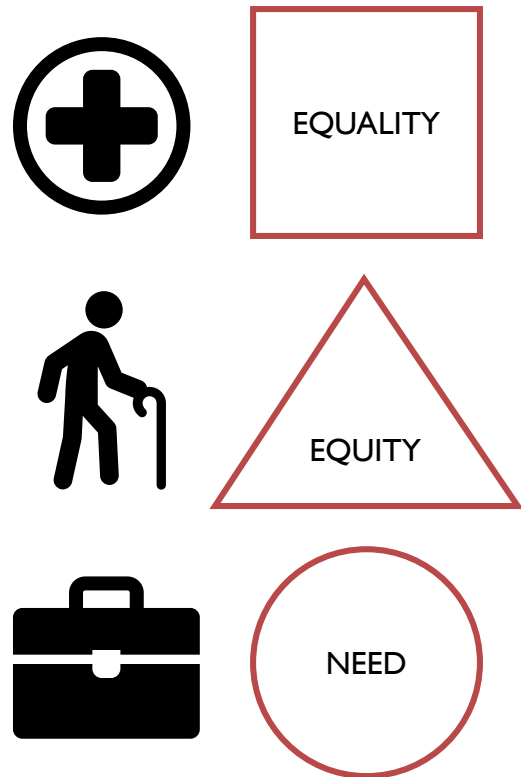


**More for those who  
contribute more**

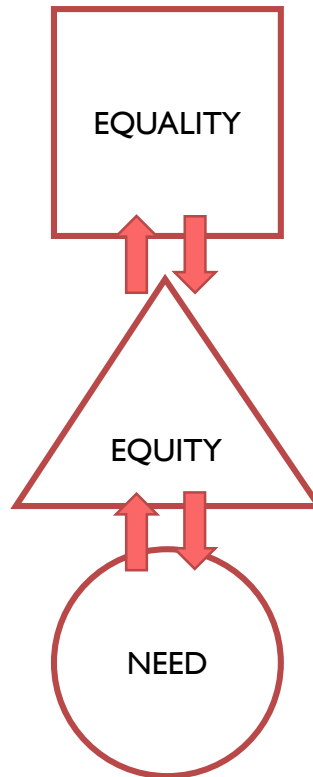


**Only those who are truly in  
need**

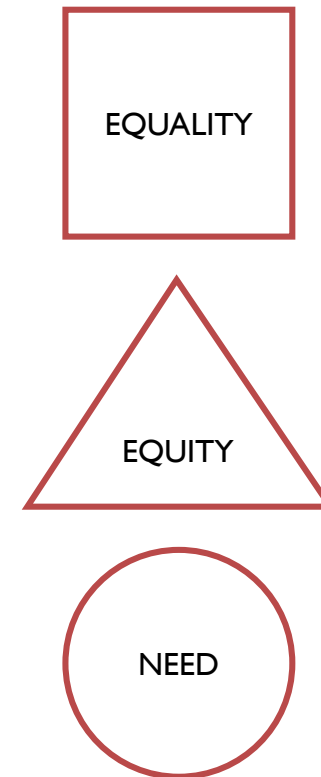
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**Preferences depend on welfare domain**

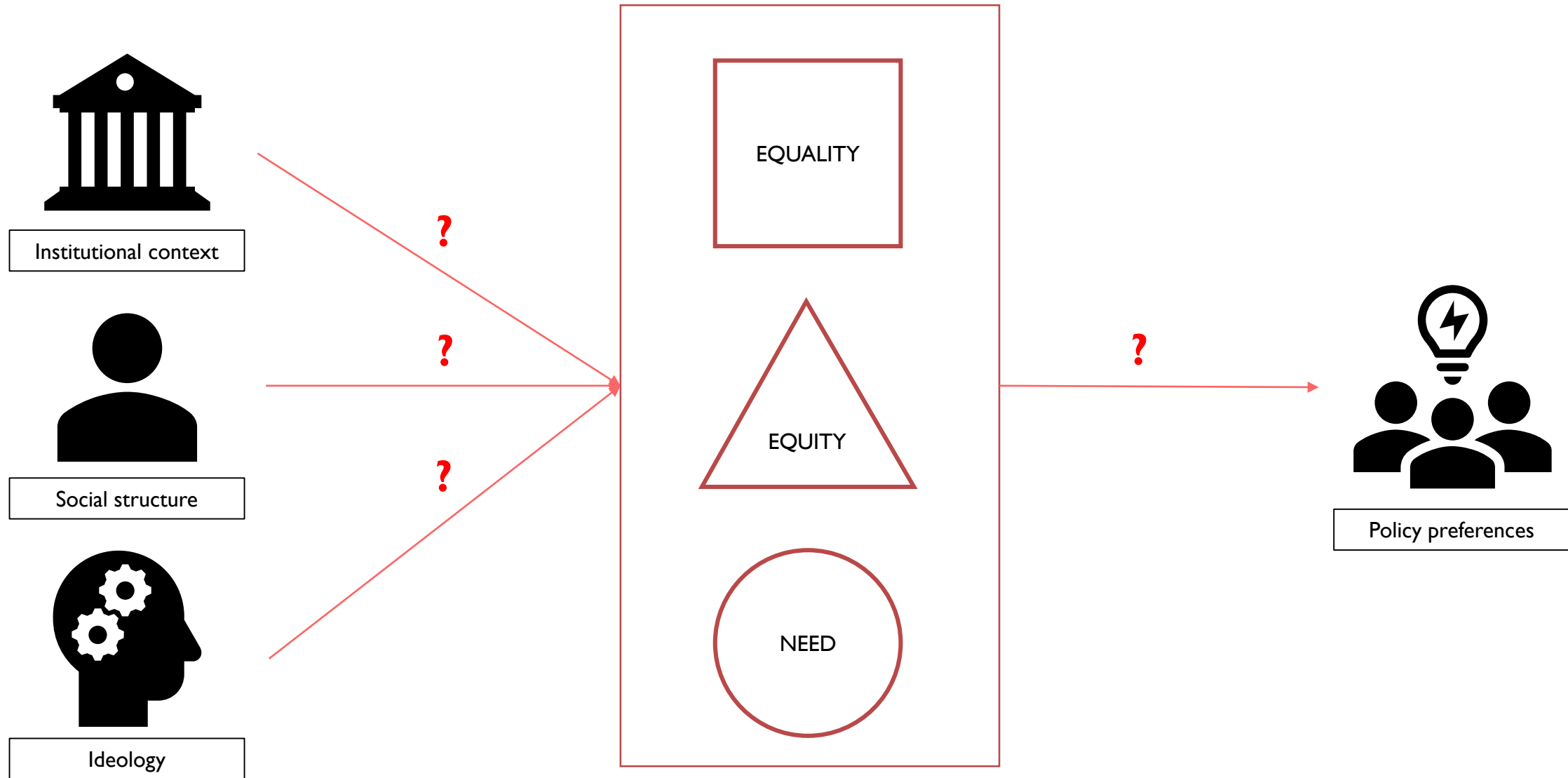


**People combine principles at the same time**

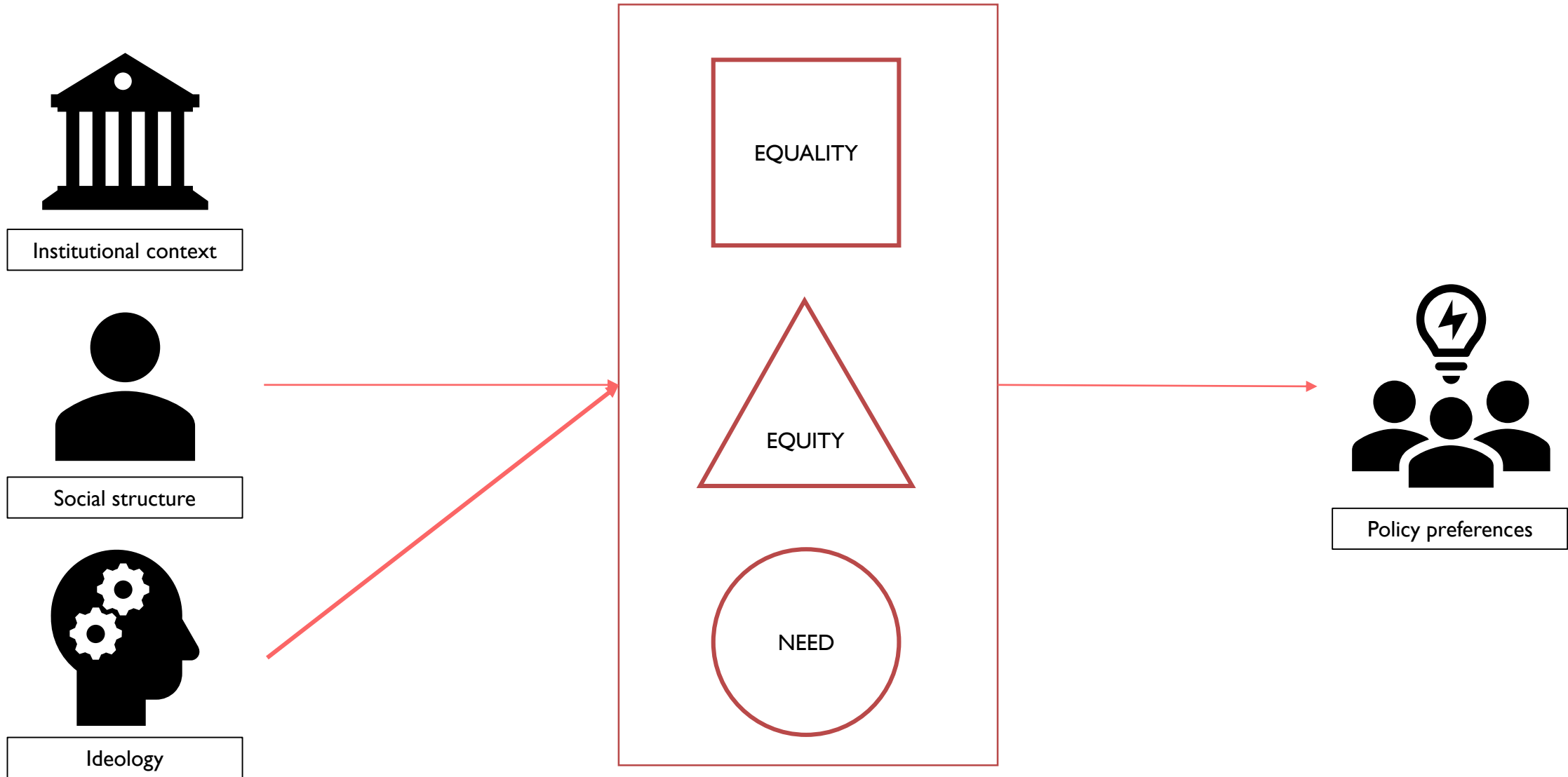


**Difficult to measure in a valid way**

# Distributive justice principles: Findings



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# III. IMPLICATIONS

# Implications for POLINEQUAL

1

Political trust and distributive justice are crucial in repoliticisation of the social contract

2

Inequalities in political trust exist between those who worry and those who do not

3

Distributive justice norms = context-dependent, multidimensional & ideological

**Thank you for listening!**