

# THE ABORIGINAL HEALING AND WELLNESS STRATEGY: GOING BACK TO LOOK FORWARD

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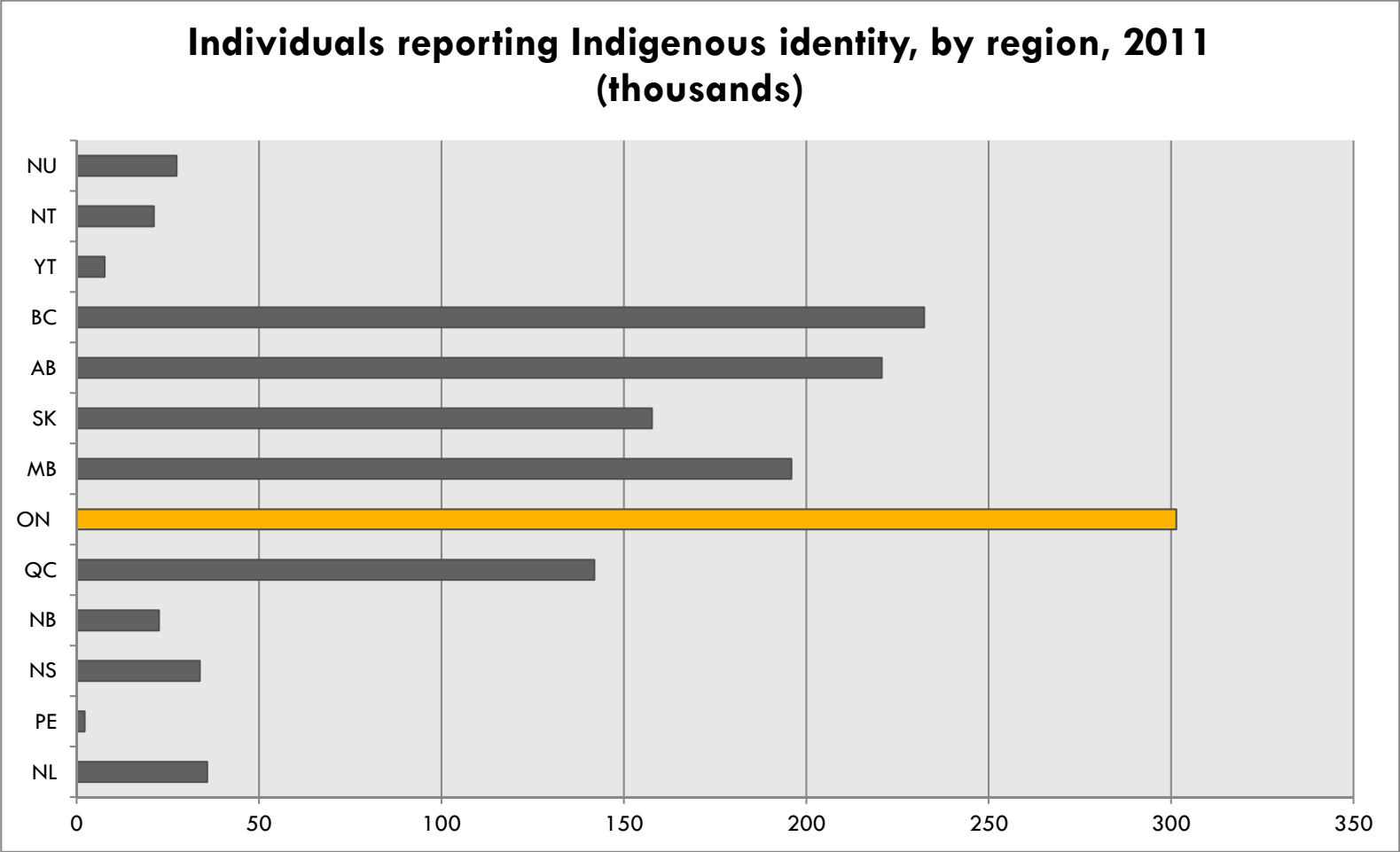
# Policy problem: Health disparities



‘Although the number of Canadians who die prematurely and suffer from poor health is low in comparison to other countries, those who do so tend to belong to specific sub-populations-Aboriginal Peoples, residents of northern and remote communities, and those with low income and education’.

Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, 2008

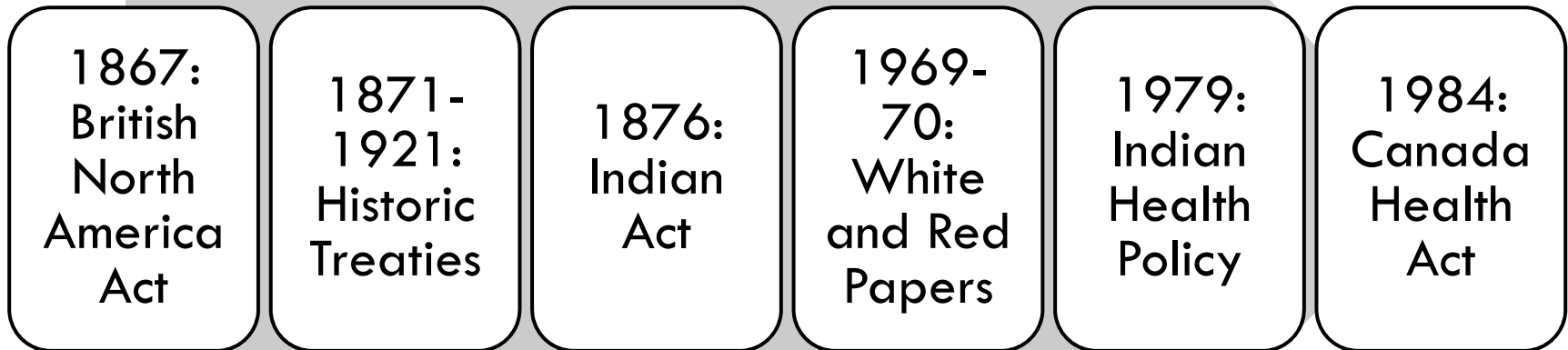
# Indigenous peoples of Canada



(Statistics Canada, NHS, 2011)

# Timeline of policies shaping Indigenous health policy in Canada

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# Policy problem: Jurisdictional confusion

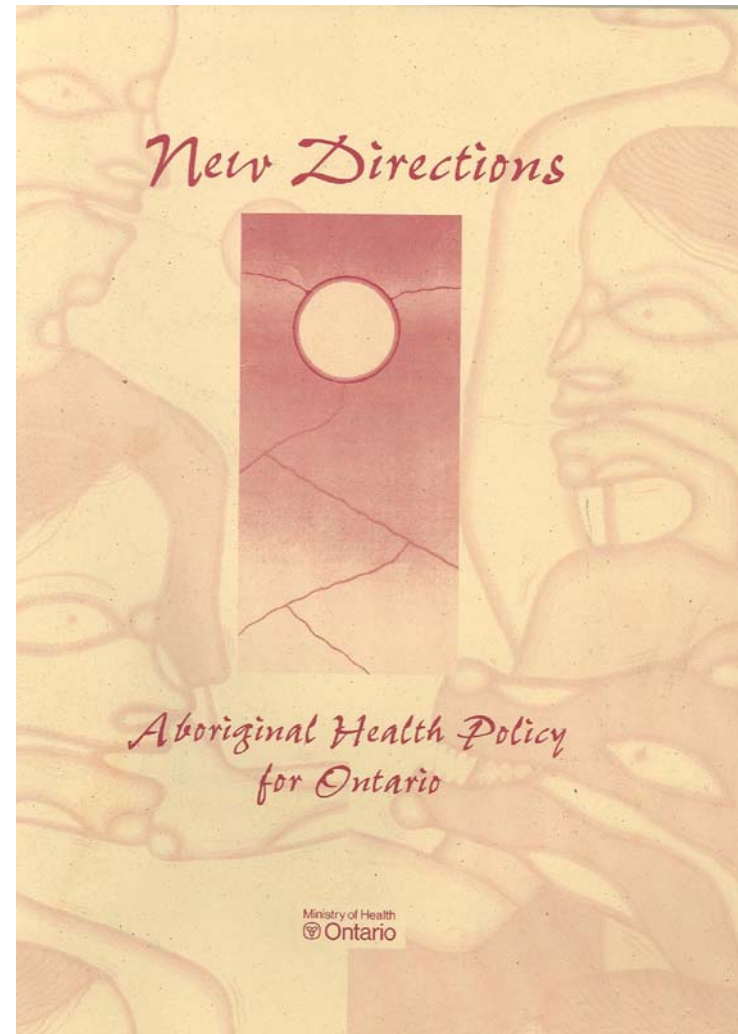
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# The Aboriginal Healing & Wellness Strategy: Going back in time

## Why important?

- First of its kind;
- sustainable partnerships & infrastructure;
- template for indigenous health policy;
- remains **'the most comprehensive Aboriginal health policy currently in place in Canada'**(Lavoie, 2009, p.7) among a patchwork policy landscape.



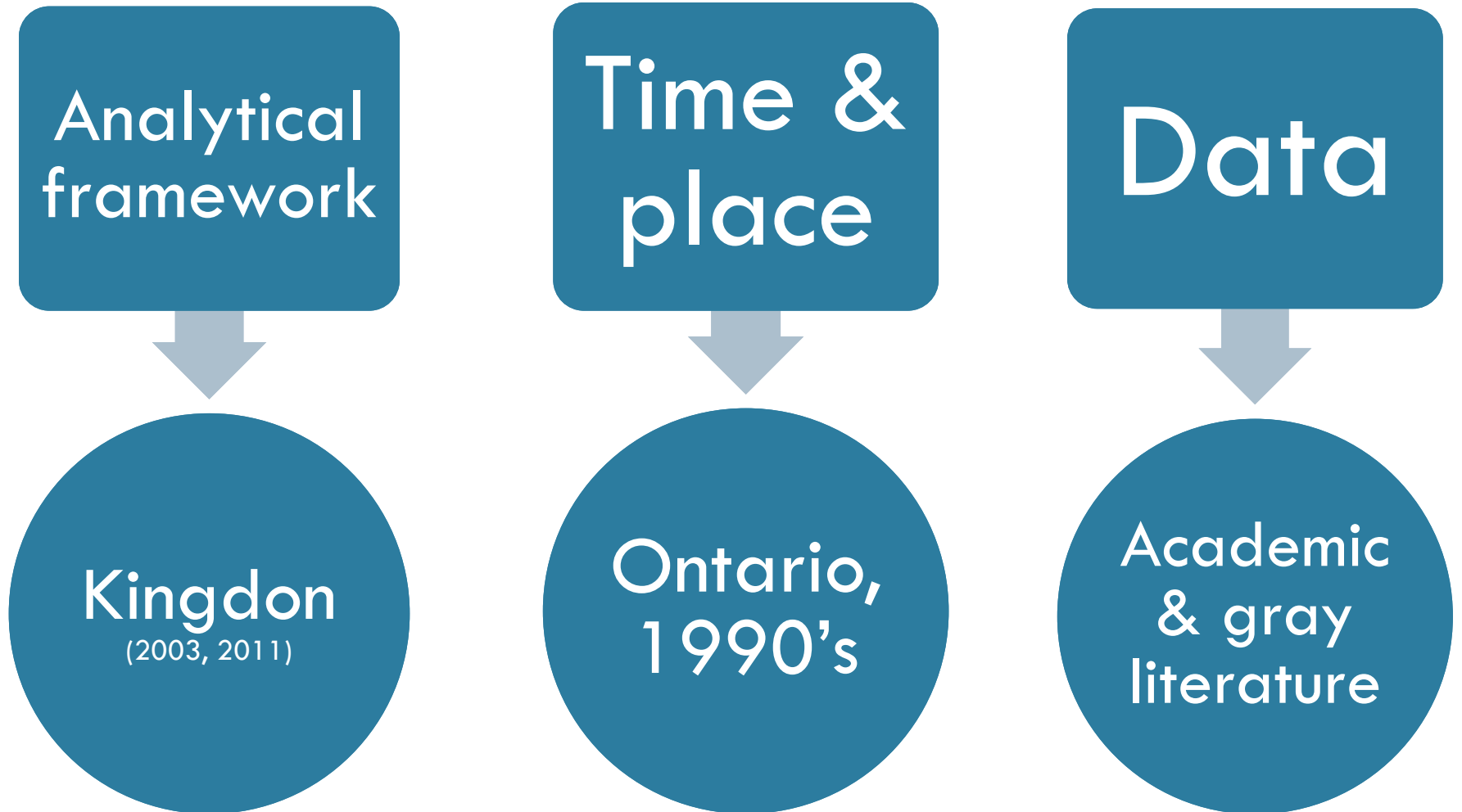
# Policy question



What factors contributed to the unique development of a provincial Indigenous health policy in Ontario in the 1990's?

# Methods: Explanatory policy analysis

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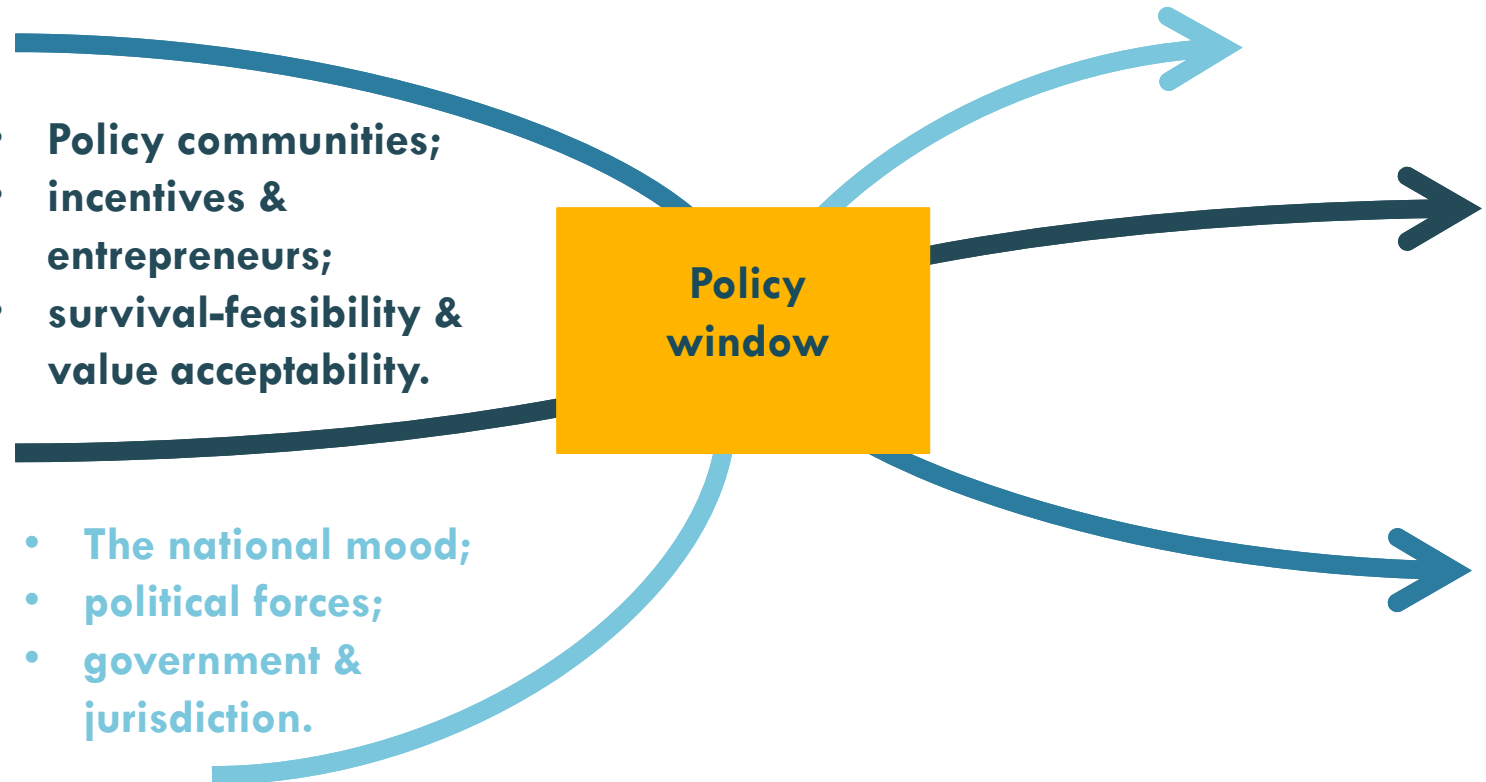


# Methods: Kingdon's multiple streams

- Problem stream:**
- Indicators;
  - focusing events, crises, symbols;
  - feedback & problem definition.

- Policy stream:**
- Policy communities;
  - incentives & entrepreneurs;
  - survival-feasibility & value acceptability.

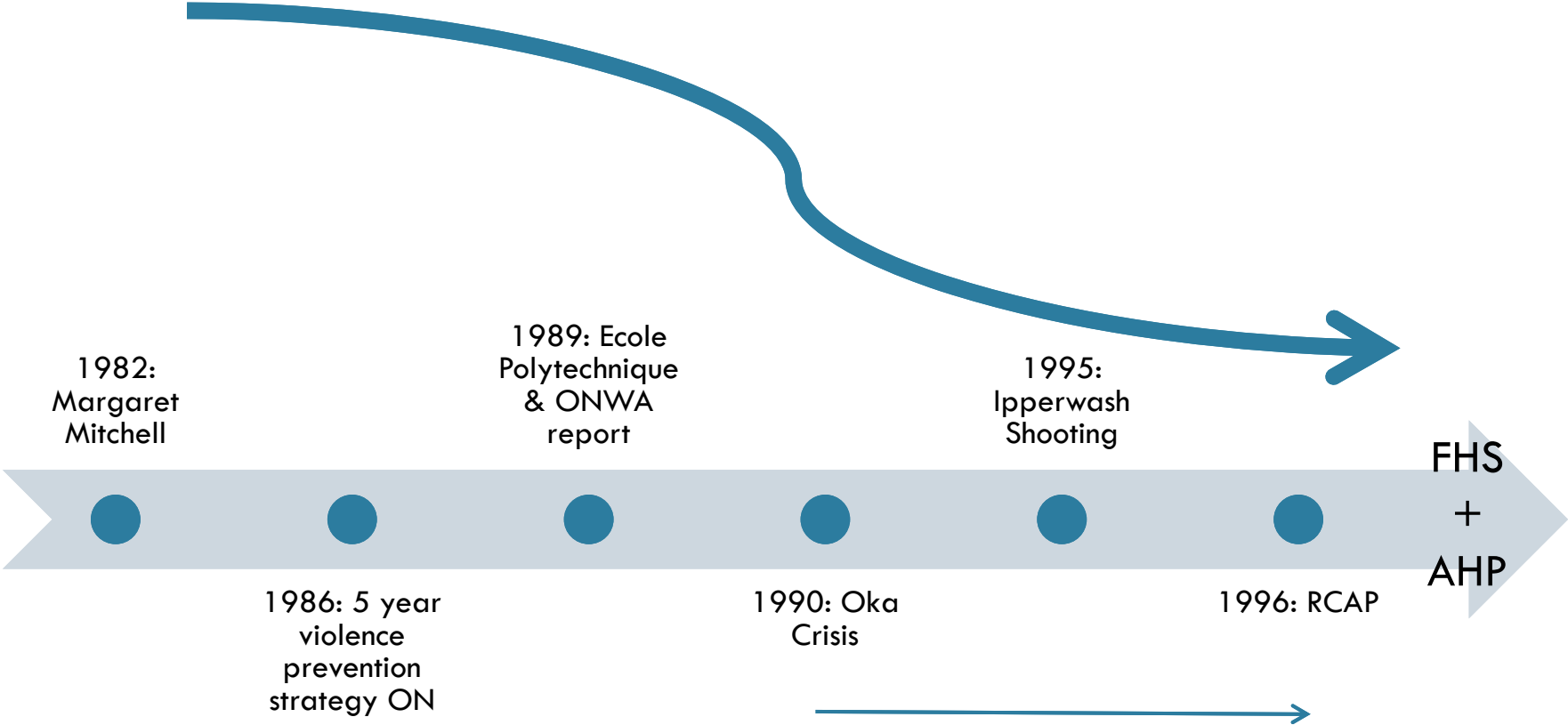
- Politics stream:**
- The national mood;
  - political forces;
  - government & jurisdiction.



(Kingdon, 2011)

# Findings: Problem stream

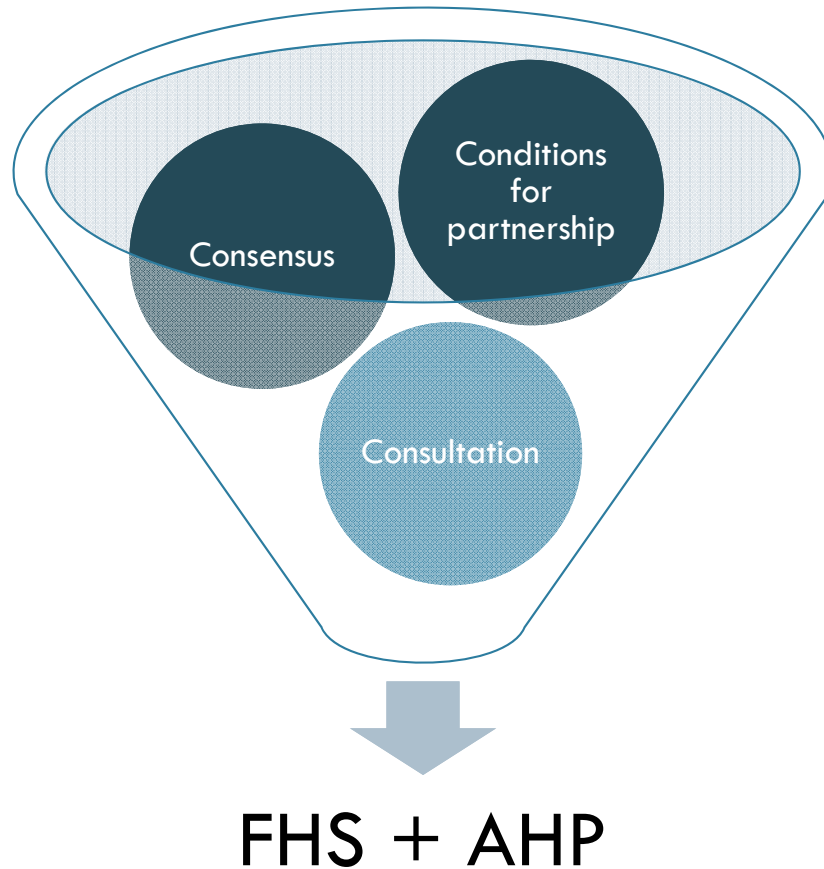
## Problem stream:



(Dudziak, 2000; FCAP, 1996; Lavoie, 2009)

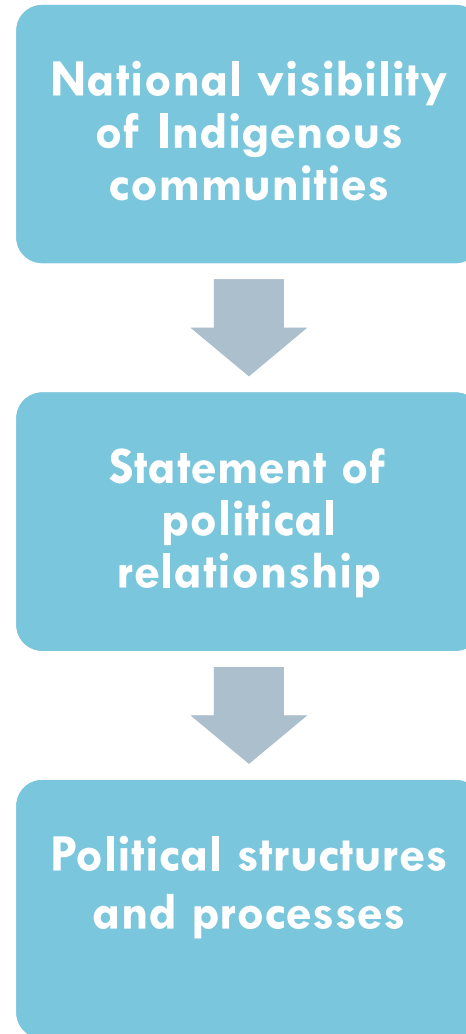
# Findings: Policy stream

**Policy stream:**



# Findings: Politics stream

Politics stream:

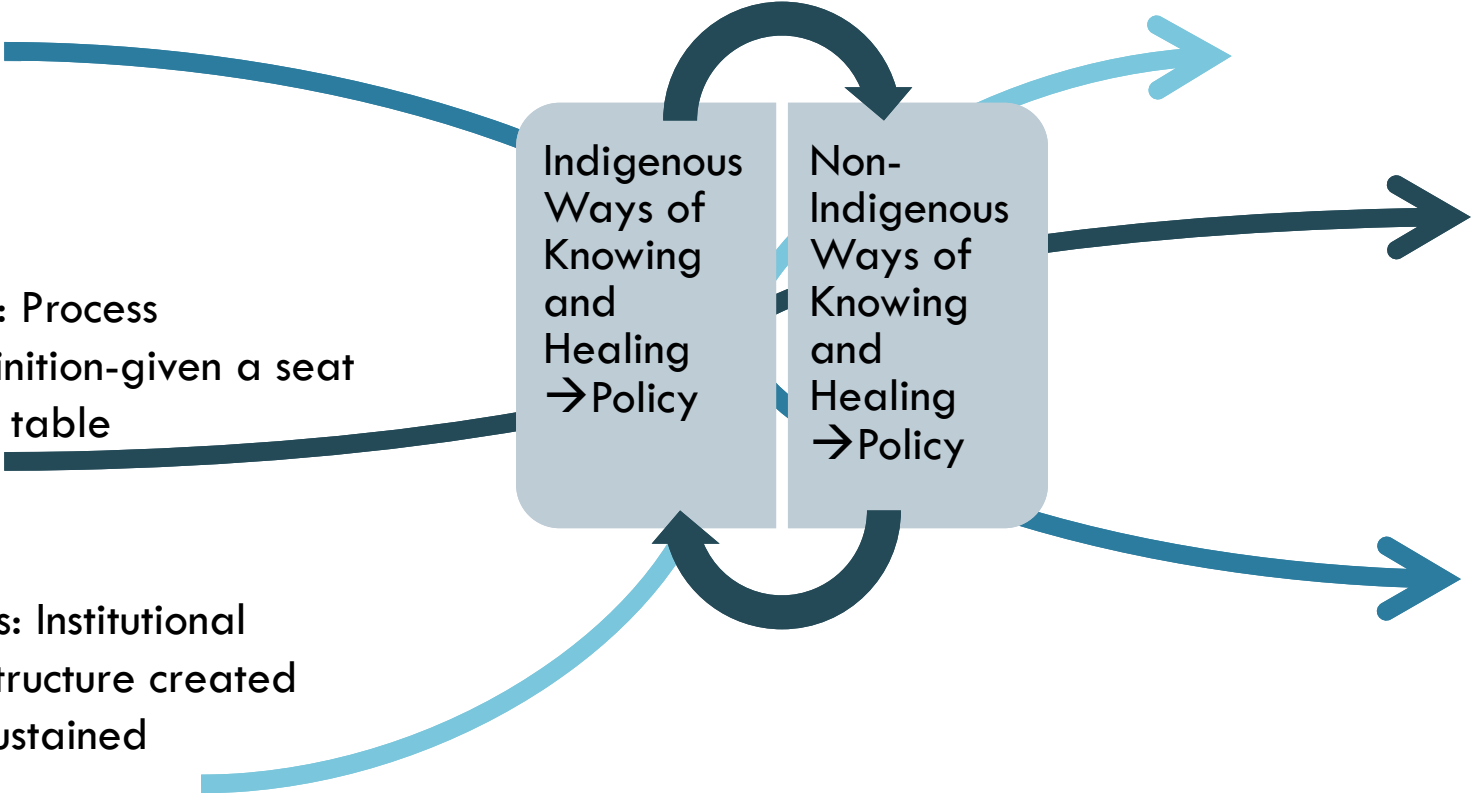


# Findings: Coupling of streams

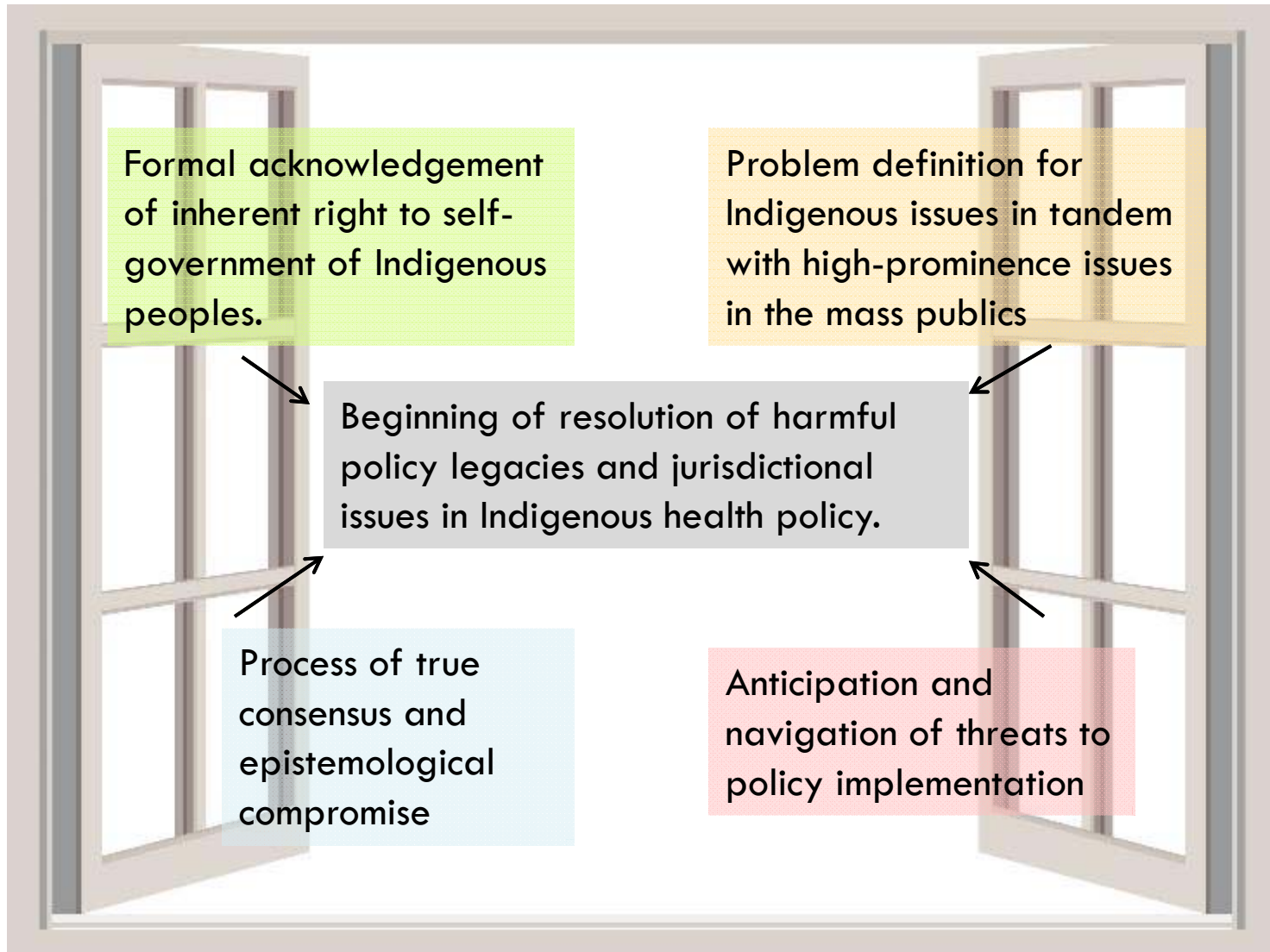
Problem: Jurisdictional gaps

Policy: Process redefinition-given a seat at the table

Politics: Institutional infrastructure created and sustained



# Implications: Windows of opportunity



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