Characteristics of Social Messes
Also Called "Wicked" or "Ill-Structured Problems"

- No unique "correct" view of the problem
- Political constraints
- Great resistance to change
- Often a-logical or illogical or multi-valued
- Ideological constraints
- Economic constraints
- 1 + 2 = 7
- Many possible intervention points

Great Resistance to change

Different views of problem and solutions are contradictory

Problem solver out of contact with the problems and solutions

Most problems are interconnected to other problems

Risk difficult or impossible to calculate

Consequences difficult to imagine

Data are often uncertain or missing

Multiple value conflicts

Considerable Uncertainty

Ambiguous

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