Public Value Failure and the 2011 Social Protests in Israel

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We maintain that Bozeman's concept of public value failure can add another perspective to the understanding of the widespread social protests in Israel in 2011. Analyzing the two main reports that were issued in the wake of these protests, those of the Trajtenberg Committee and the Yonah-Spivak Committee, draws attention to the contribution that the concept of public value failure can make to the design of policy processes. Such an analysis also provides insights into how the market and the state's activities are defined, especially in the age of new governance, and into how policies are decided. These insights may lead to possible models for public administration and contribute to research on policy making in Israel and internationally.

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