



Could you be more obvious?

Exploring the value of argument
analysis as a tool of transparency in
natural resource management decision-
making processes

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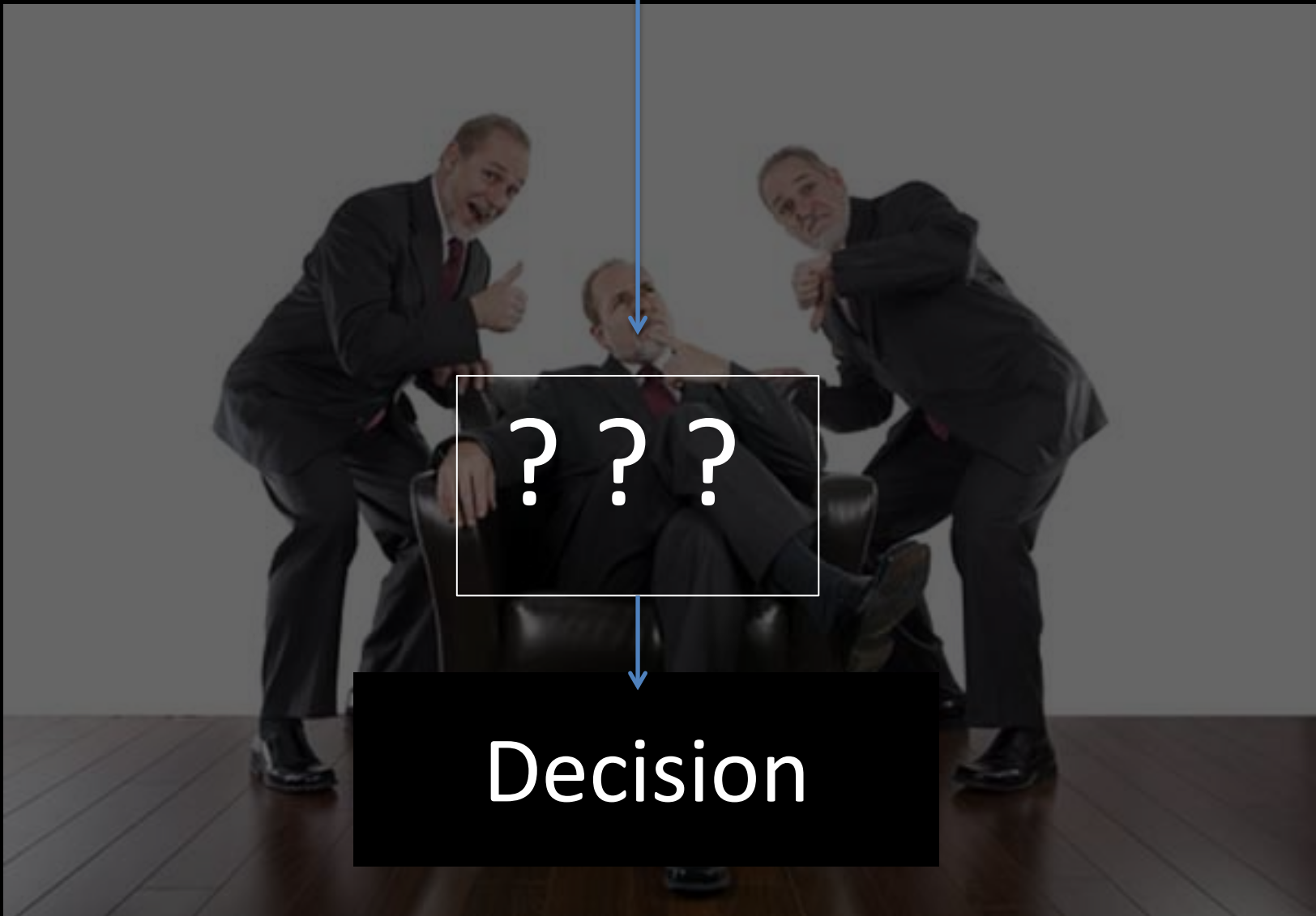
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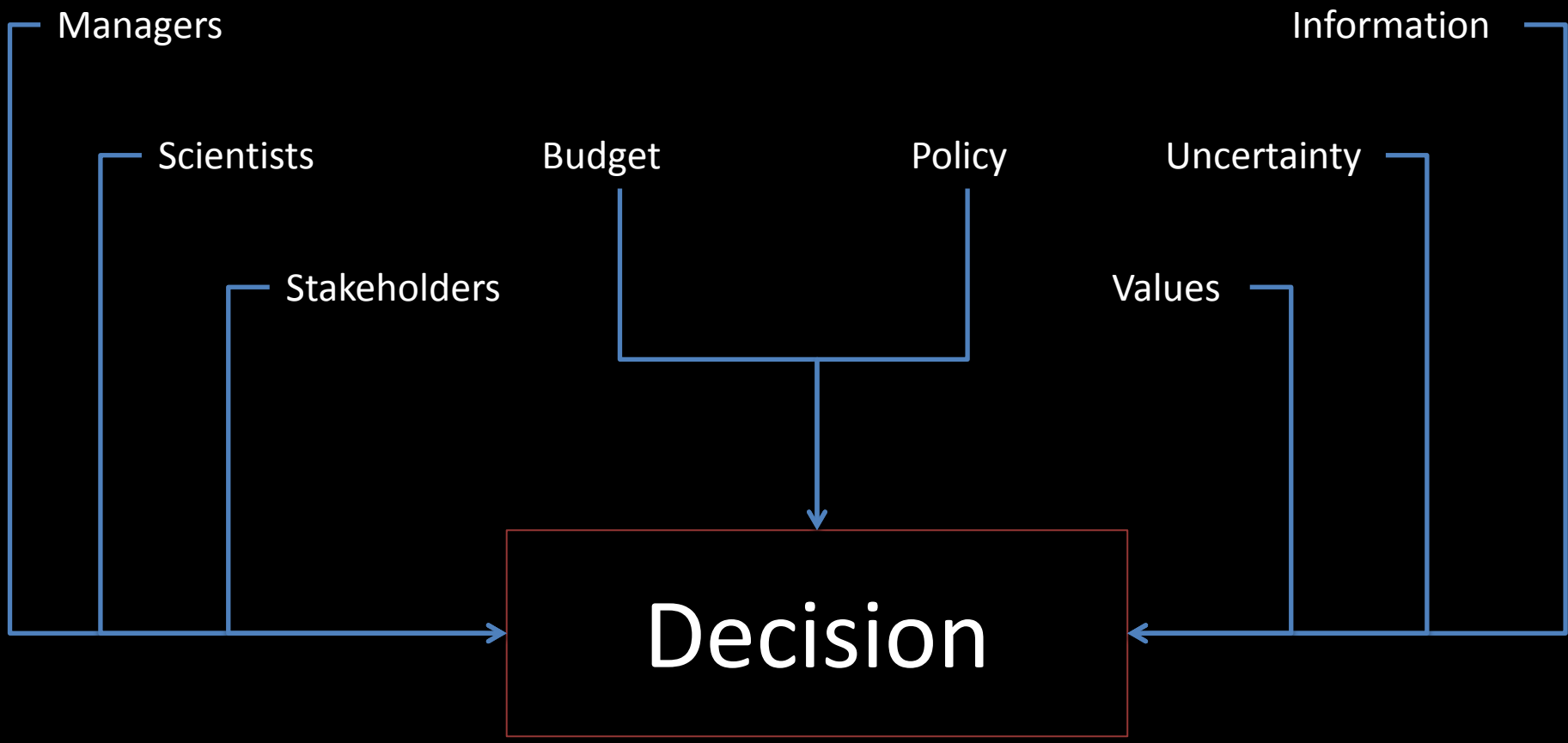
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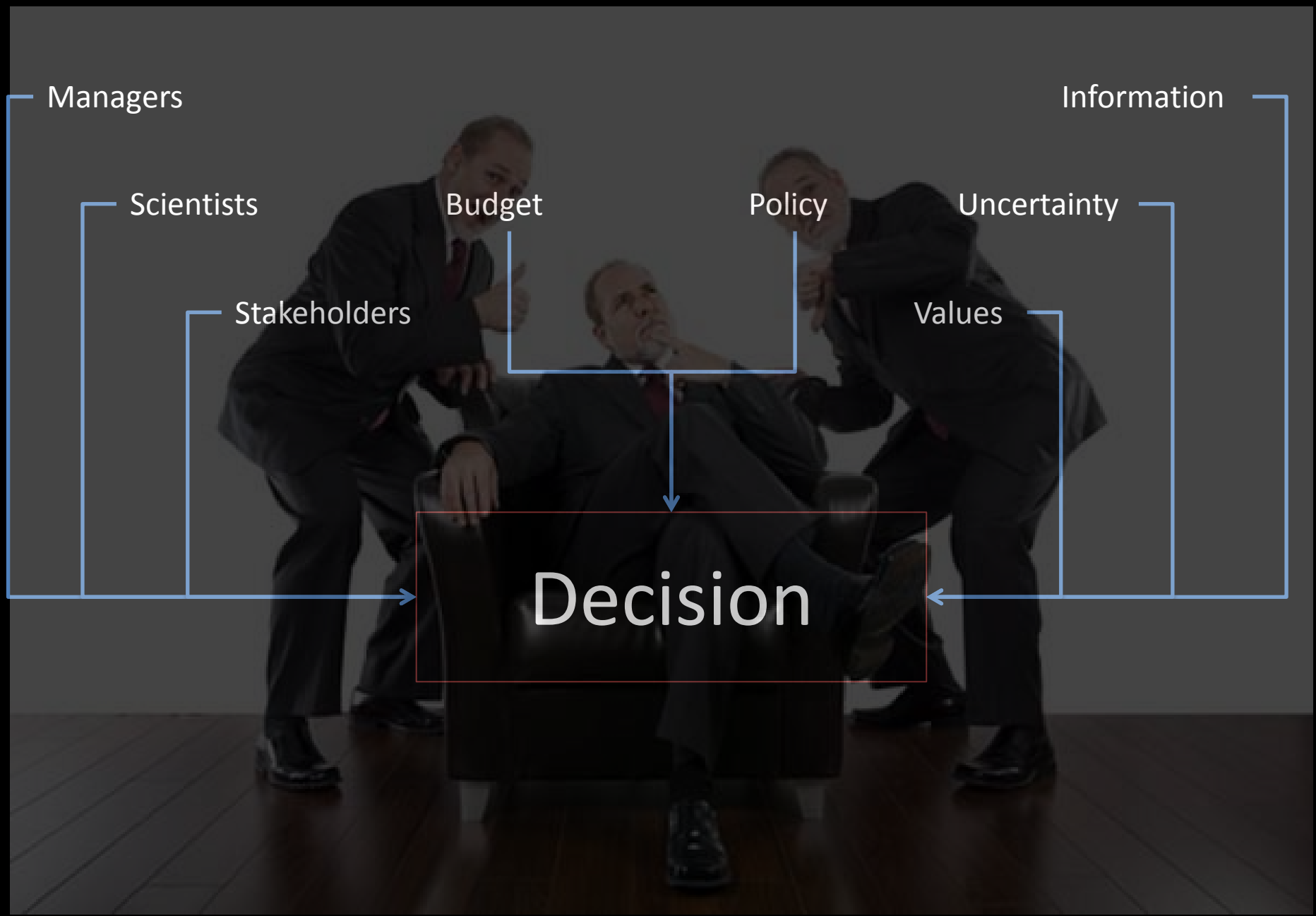


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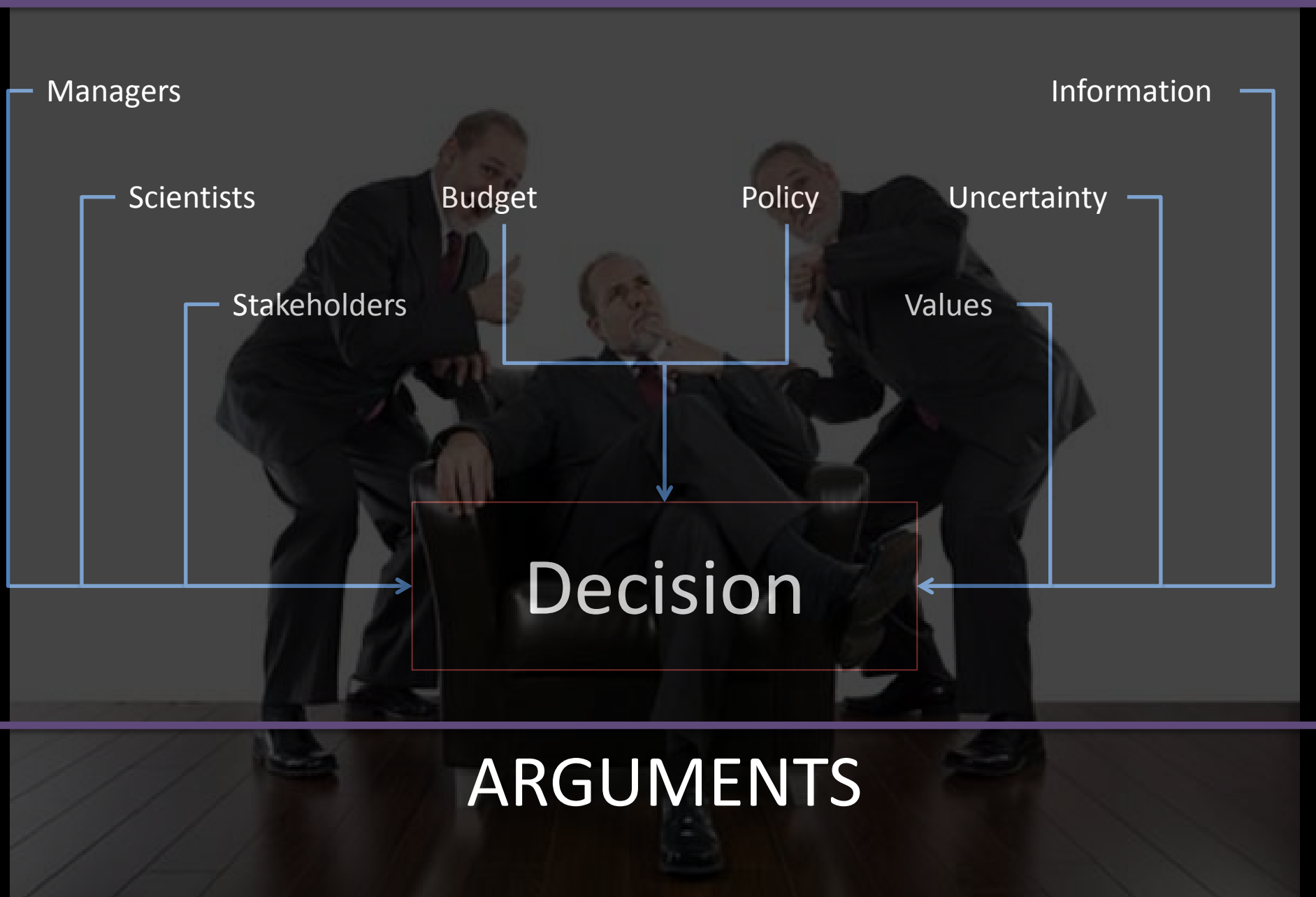
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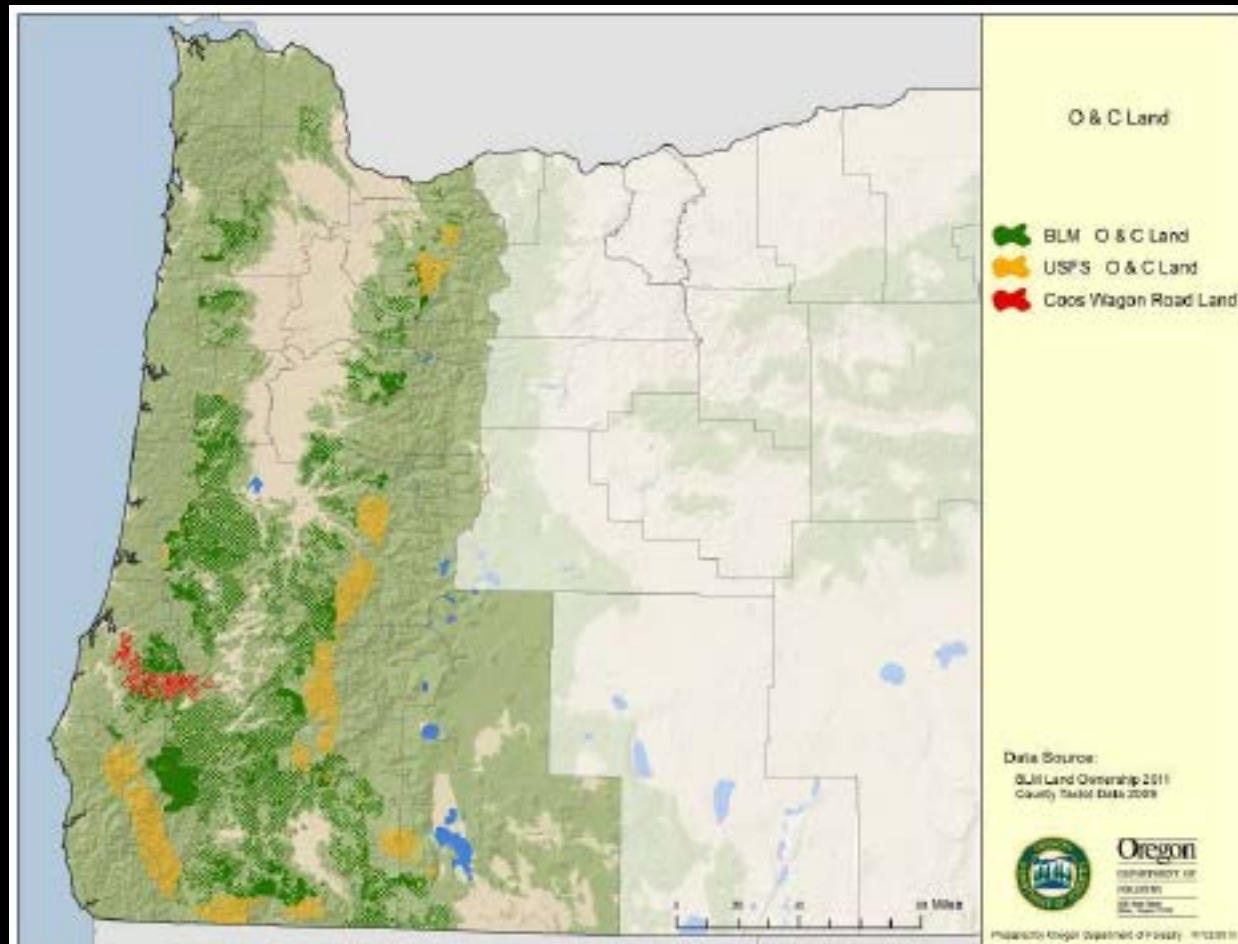
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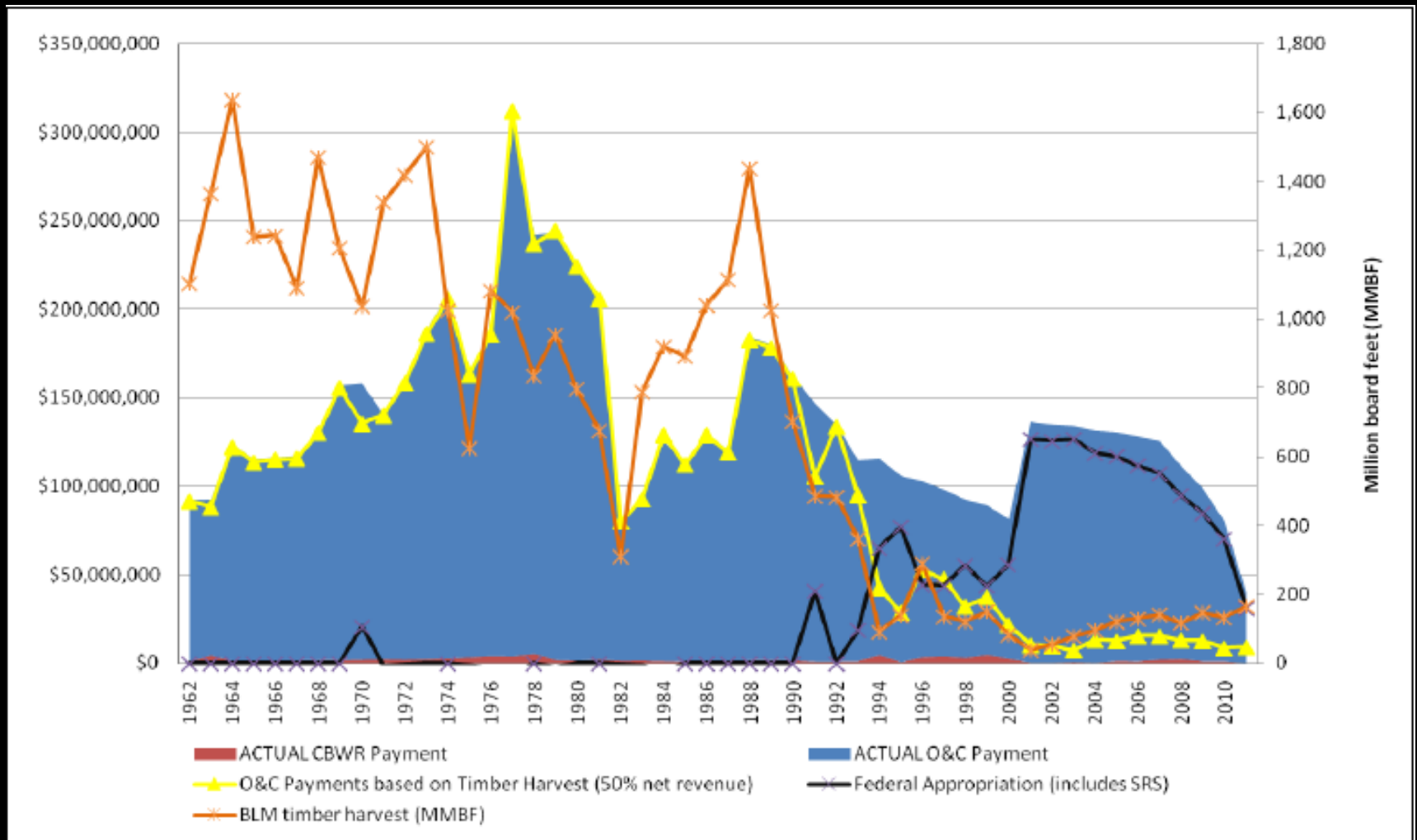
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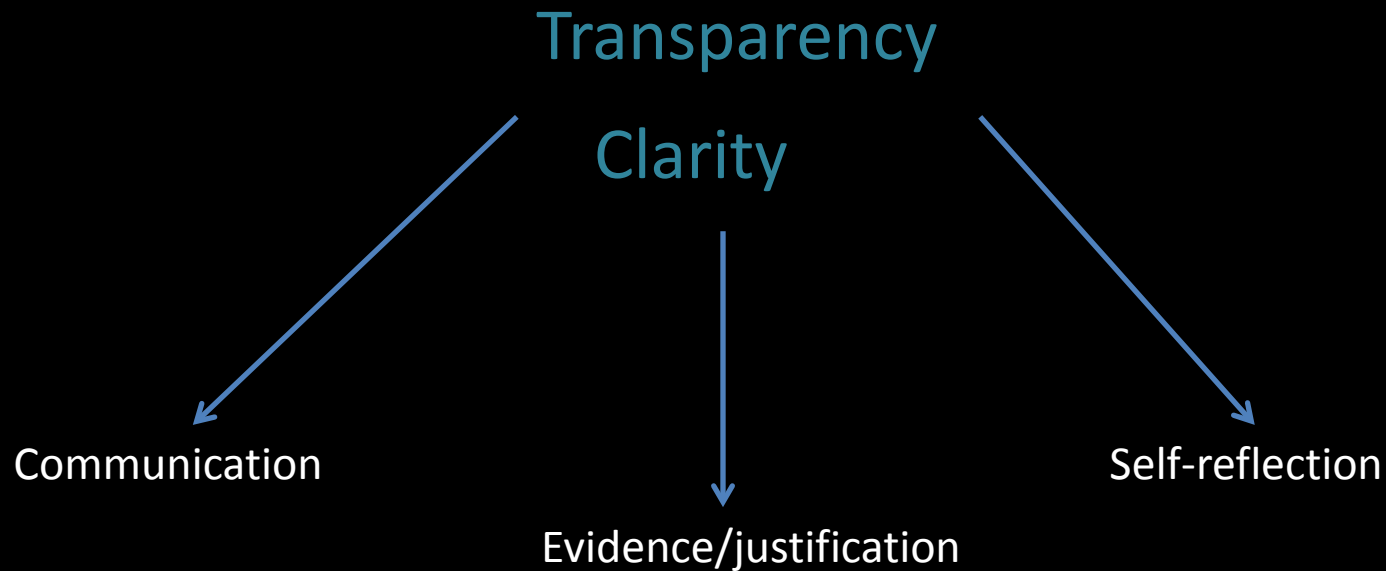
Clarity



Evidence/justification



Argument Analysis



Good decision-making process!

Thank You!

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