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**Collective Action Problems**

Collective action problems refer to the difficulties of different people working together in achieving a certain common goal. Some of the factors which cause collective action problems include discrimination, social status, and culture among other things. In a society or rather a state where there is low collection action, it becomes very difficult for people to progress. This is definitely due to the failure of cooperating and being in a position to come up with better ideas that may be of help to the community and even the people themselves.

Some of the methods of overcoming collective action problems include creating state laws which emphasize the need of citizens working together in various areas. Education is also important in enabling citizens to understand the importance of coordinating in different tasks. Condemning acts like discrimination and oppression of the poor within the society is also a significant way of overcoming collective action problems.

There are various instruments which also affect collective action. These include the federal relationship. For instance cooperative federalism the national, state and local government cooperate and work together in solving various problems instead of creating policies differently. Such an approach creates the essence of working together, therefore setting a good example to other citizens as well. The creation of rules and regulations to govern the role of each citizen is also important in ensuring that everyone plays his/her role, making it easier for people to even work together provided they understand what they are expected to do.

As much as there are various challenges associated with collective action, it does not, therefore, mean that leaders or citizens should work at individual levels. This would generally encourage citizens to remain ununited, one of the things that would prevent the nation from progressing. It is therefore important for the federal to make use of these instruments like cooperative federalism in order to ensure that both leaders and citizens are encouraged to work together hence enhancing the unity and even the nation’s stability. It is problematic for the state to rely on carrots in the long run since most citizens would have to work in order to impress those in authority instead of fighting for their rights.