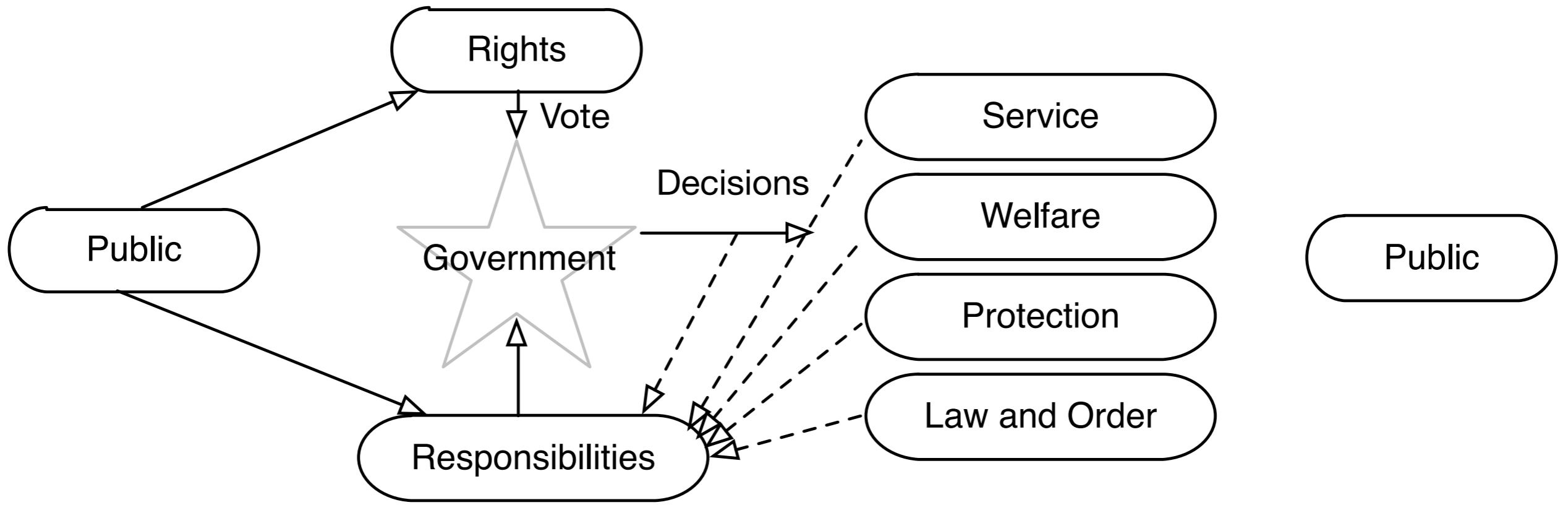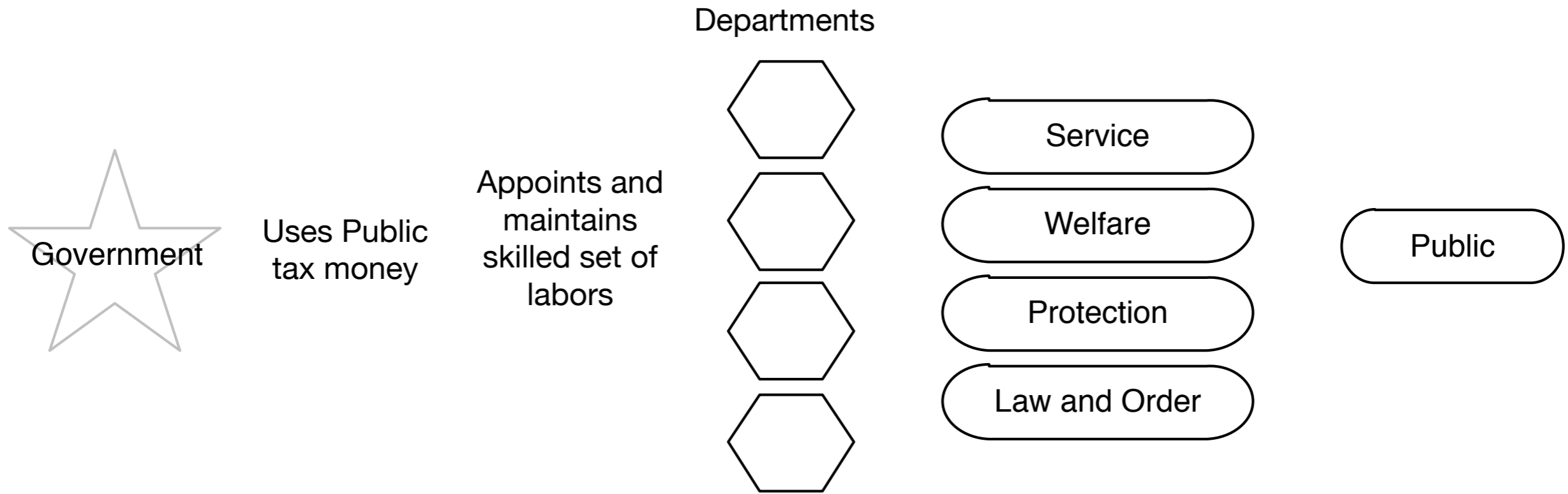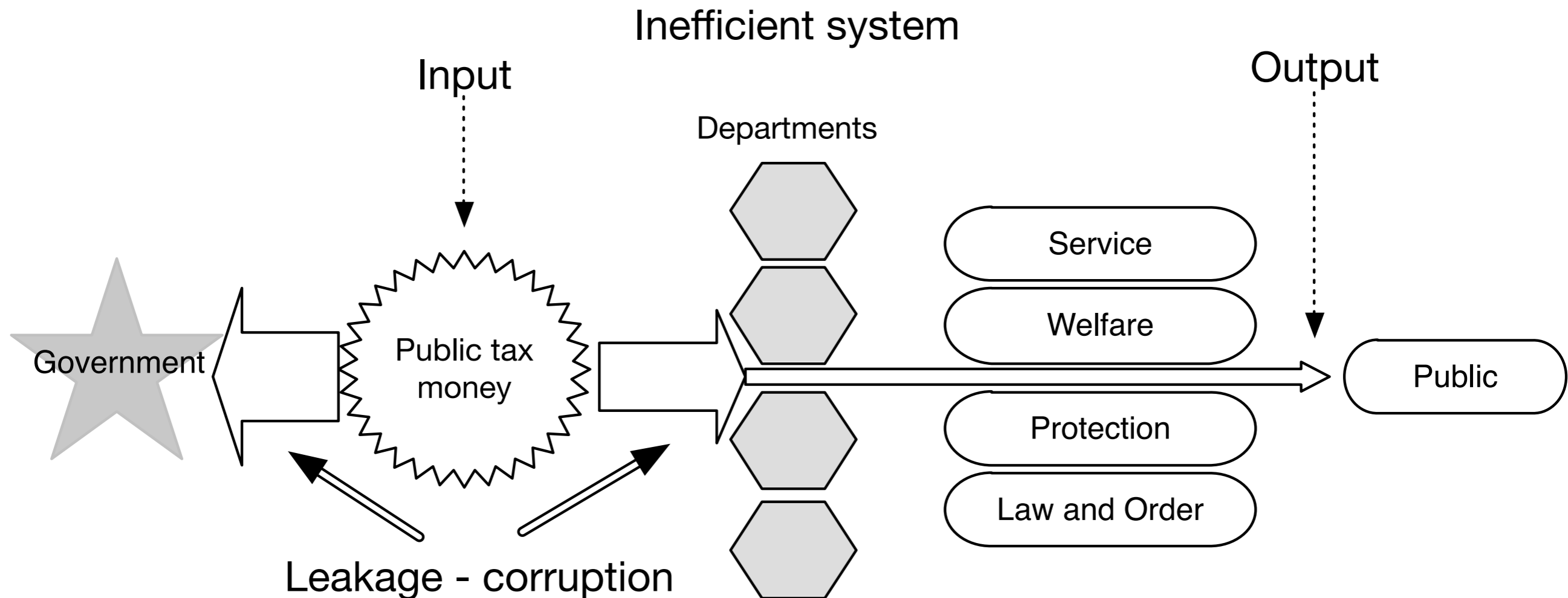# Democracy Reclaimed!
- A Proposal

- by a Common Man

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Just a simple - "Thanks for your Time"!

- Public exercises their right to vote and choose a Government that function to serve them
- They feel responsible for their choice of Government
- They also feel responsible for the various decisions Government makes on their behalf

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Government

Uses Public tax money

Appoints and maintains skilled set of labors

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Law and Order

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- Government uses public Tax money to hire and establish highly skilled set of experts in the form of different departments in order to serve the public.
- Each departments get their priorities from the Government
- The Tax money gets allocated to each department in order to serve the public needs
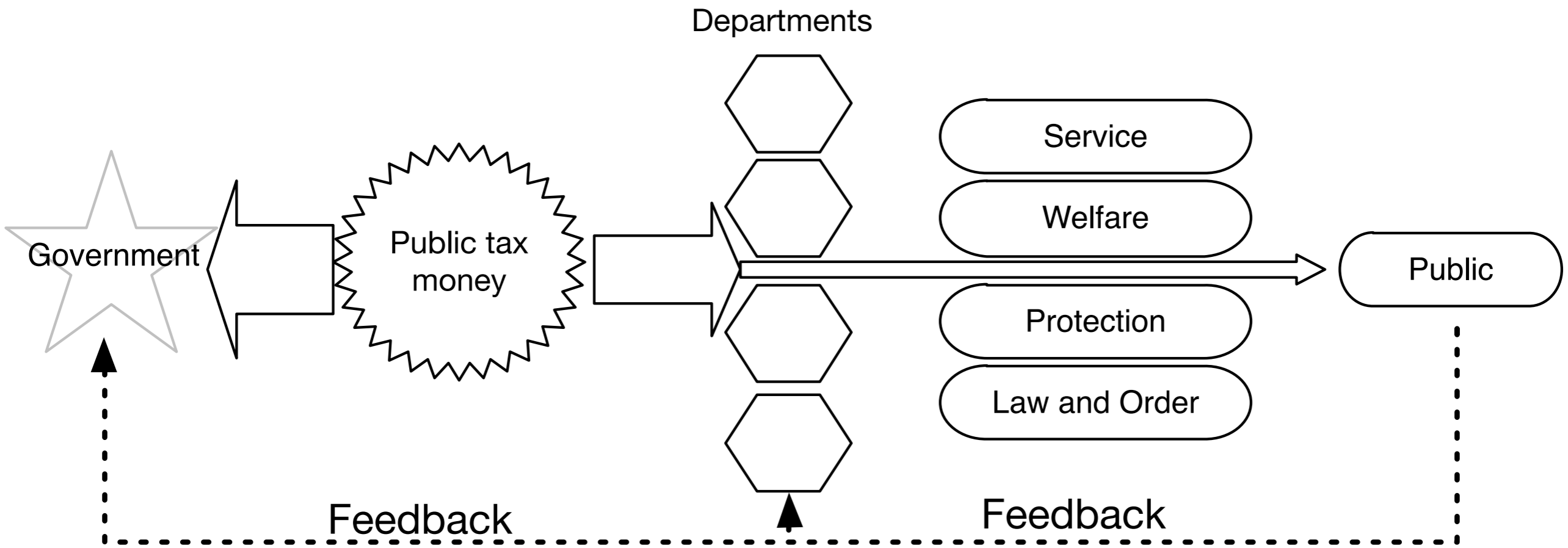
The public funds gets very ineffiently utilized due to :
1 - self-interest people in Government and the public departments
2 - Lack of feedback from public
3 - Lack of transparency towards the fund allocation and how it is spent on the public

If #2 is take care of - then #1 and #3 will slowly disappear based on the effectiveness of feedback
- Not every individual is self-interested to a degree that leads to corruption
- Even corrupt individuals would not like to get exposed as being corrupt

For any system to work efficiently - there needs to be an <u>effective feedback</u> mechanism

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- Public feed back to the individual departments and to the Government
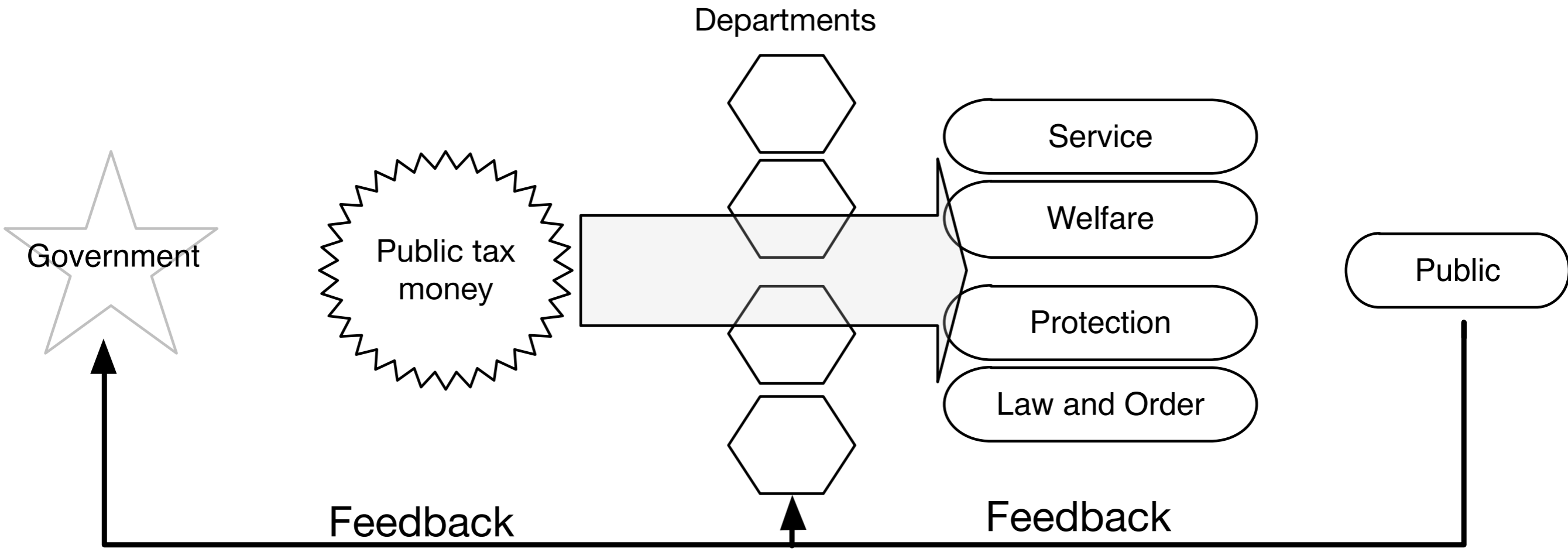- Individual department feedback to the Government

Right now there is little or no feedback from Public - even if there is - it is highly inefficient to cause any char to the overall system.

Challenges with feedback mechanism

1. There is no proper channel for feedback
2. There is no trsnparant way to see if the feedback gets heard
3. There is no good way to track the progress of departments and Govt

Possible Solution:

1. Technology can provide this proper efficient feedback channel
2. With regular interval of feedback we can measure the progress/changes to the System
3. If there is no progress - then the Govt and Department can/should take
   appropriate action otherwise the issue gets more and more visibility by media and larger public

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- With efficient feedback there will be more transparency
- And less corruption
- Entire public funds will be utilized for public welfare

Solution:

Possible solution:
- Lets imagine there is a highly secure and self-contained system which has very little or no control from external sources
- Every individual has a unique way to enter the system using combination of one or more of the following:
    fingerprint, cellphone number, location, face-recognition, voice-recognition, iris recognition etc..
- Topics to vote are very restrictive, automated and are based on the following categories and priorities:
    — News based (similar to top trending twitter topic)
    — Different layers of geography based - Say a Country wide topic - state wide topic and city wide topic etc
        — Location is checked in order to enter the system to make a choice -
          and appropriate topic gets populated depending on which country/state/city one belongs.
- For example : Lets say the following topics appear based on news:
        A. country wide topic: Do you support the policy change ABC proposed by Government.
        B. state wide topic: Do you support the Sales tax increase proposal by State Government
        C. City wide topic: Are you satisfied with the city water department in fulfilling your needs.
- Once a user gets into the system using their fingerprint/location/password - They are posted with these 3 questions.
   And 3 possible choices to make for each questions:

    [YES]   [No]   [Opt out]

- The poll results are announced to e'one by the end of day or on a specific day/time.
- The same question appear on regular intervals (every week) until the system gets a satisfied approval rating (>75% for example).
- This gives opportunity for the Government and public departments to make appropriate changes and track public satisfaction.
- Once a satisfied rating is achieved for more than 3 occurrences(weeks) - the topic disappears.
- The efficiency of the system is bound to improve over time because :
        - both the government and the public sector departments are part of the public
        - Every individual realizes their potential and impact they have on the society they live in.
        - Every individual has the responsibility and the only reason they are helpless now is because
          of lack of means to express their opinion and correct the system.
- This will change the attitude of 'waiting-for-the-next-election' to see a change to 'act-responsibly-right-now' to
   impact the system and see improvements.

Key features:
- It needs to be anonymous - There should not be any way to find who is casting their choice.
- Trust worthy - The entire system needs to make sure they do not share any information with anyone public or private for any reason
- Impossible to adulterate - The system should make it impossible to create fake users or hack the system or tweak the system's topic or results by any means

Possible ways to make it efficient:
- Though it is anonymous - the participation status can be shared with others though FB/Whatsapp/Twitter to claim their action towards being a responsible person
- It also nudges others to caste their choice
- Every topic can have a discussion group/forum in FB/Whatsapp and ppl can discuss and celebrities can promote their choices and individuals can share comments with friends and family.