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THE MORE YOU KNOW ABOUT REGULATION:

BENEFITS & CRITICISMS of REGULATION Pt. 1

How does Regulation benefit service-users?

1. Regulatory colleges work on the public's behalf, not on behalf of professionals'
2. Regulation protects service-users by barring unqualified or unethical service-providers from working in a given field
3. Service-users know that if someone is registered with a regulatory college, they are qualified and educated in the field that granted them their protected title
4. Public registers allow employers and private citizens to access the service credentials of professionals
5. The public is warned of any past dismissals for misconduct
6. by regulated professionals

7. Regulatory colleges offer the public a place to lodge complaints against workers who behave unethically or unsafely towards them
8. The public is subjected to professionals who must legally follow:
 - a. Standards of practice
 - b. A code of ethics
 - c. Ongoing training and development
 - d. Minimum education requirements
 - e. Yearly registration

What are the criticisms of Regulation?

1. Confusion around a professional college's role versus unions'
2. Some believe in the anti-competency movement (i.e. how can core competencies of CYC be articulated and then appropriately regulated)
3. The professional college complaints process takes a long time
4. Educational standards restricts those without professional training from working in the field
5. Professionals must pay yearly fees to be part of the college
6. There exists a lot of power in self-regulation
7. The roots of professional regulation in Ontario stem from less diverse and inclusive times historically