

STEP ONE: IDENTIFY & REGOGNIZE THE PROBLEM

(this page should be in binder section 1)

Directions: Using the societal problem your group has been assigned; create a **detailed, research-style** typed outline or other research presentation (not a paper!) that includes the following information regarding your problem. **THIS IS NOT LIKE AN OUTLINE FOR ENGLISH CLASS. EXTRAORDINARY DETAIL IS REQUIRED!**

****IMPORTANT:** Indicate (in parentheses) the source used for the information in your outline and the page number (Example, 6).**

A. *Introduction to the Problem*

Include information that addresses the following:

- a. What is the problem?
- b. Briefly describe and define **key** terms (minimum of 5)
- c. Why is this topic a problem for society?
- d. What are the causes of this problem?

B. *Facts and Statistics (EVIDENCE)*

Include information that answers the following questions:

- a. How do you **know** that this is a problem for society? Explain.
- b. What statistical **evidence** do you have to prove this a problem?
- c. Who is affected by this problem?
- d. What are the human and monetary costs of this problem?

*In this section, you must have a **minimum** of 15 pieces of evidence.

You must use varied, reliable sources for this portion of the project. You are required to include information from **DATABASES (no Wikipedia)

***Graphs, charts, pictures, etc. are a great addition to your research.

C. *Past Public Policy*

Include information that answers the following questions:

- a. What is the history of this problem?
- b. What has the government done previously to address this problem?
(Consider: past laws, statutes, regulations and court cases)
- c. Evaluate the effectiveness of these policies:
 - i. Are they working? If not, then why aren't these past policies working?
 - ii. What is public opinion?

*You should have a minimum of 3 past policies that deal with your topic.

STEP TWO: FORMULATE & CREATE THE POLICY

(this page should be in binder section 2)

Directions: You must identify several alternatives for dealing with the problem you have chosen. These policies may include an existing policy or policies being produced by individuals or groups in the community. You should also include your own original ideas for policies to address the problem.

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A. Alternative Policy #1

Include information that addresses the following:

- a. What is the suggested policy or actual policy?
- b. Identify the individual or group that is proposing the policy (could be your own group)
- c. What are the advantages to the proposed policy?
- d. What are the disadvantages to the proposed policy?
- e. Identify other individuals or groups in the community that are likely to support this policy - why?
- f. Identify other individuals or groups in the community that are likely to oppose this policy - why?

B. Alternative Policy #2

Include information that addresses the following:

- a. What is the suggested policy or actual policy?
- b. Identify the individual or group that is proposing the policy (could be your own group)
- c. What are the advantages to the proposed policy?
- d. What are the disadvantages to the proposed policy?
- e. Identify other individuals or groups in the community that are likely to support this policy - why?
- f. Identify other individuals or groups in the community that are likely to oppose this policy - why?

C. Your Policy

Include information that addresses the following:

- a. Write a clear explanation of a policy that you feel should be implemented
- b. How will this help to solve the issue at hand?
- c. Support your stance with information from your research.
- d. Evaluate the strengths of your policy - any counter arguments?
- e. Evaluate the weakness of your policy - any road blocks?
- f. Is your policy Constitutional? How do you know?

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Due Date: **Friday, April 24**

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STEP THREE: ADOPT THE POLICY

(this page should be in binder section 3)

Directions: You need to develop an action plan to get your policy adopted or passed by the right people and groups. You need to gain support in order to influence the right people. In this step, you will outline an action plan to get the policy adopted by the appropriate government body or agency. This plan should include the steps you will need to take and get your proposed policy enacted and implemented by the government.

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A. The Support

Include information that addresses the following:

- a. Identify influential individuals or groups that might be willing to support the proposed policy.
 - a. You might have to summarize who they are.
 - b. You could get facts - cite them (not necessary)
- b. How do you know they'll support your policy?
- c. What are some steps you could take to gain their support?
 - a. Think of an action plan for each

B. The Opposition

Include information that addresses the following:

- a. Identify influential individuals or groups that oppose the proposed policy.
 - a. You might have to summarize who they are.
 - b. You could get facts - cite them (not necessary)
- b. How do you know they'll oppose your policy?
- c. What are some steps you could take to gain their support?
 - a. Think of an action plan for each

THINK OF THIS STEP LIKE A CAMPAIGN

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Due Date: **Wednesday, April 29** **Initials:** _____

STEP FOUR: IMPLEMENT THE POLICY

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Directions: In this step, you will identify which groups will be responsible for carrying out your design. You will include how each “player” will execute your policy. In addition, this is where a detailed outline about your policy should be included. You will explain how the policy will go into affect.

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A. The Players

Include information that addresses the following:

- a. Identify the agencies or groups that will be responsible for carrying out your policy.
- b. What will they each do?

B. The Details

Include information that addresses the following:

- a. What are the steps in order to successfully carry out your policy.
This should be detailed - maybe a timeline or outline