Policy Cost-Benefit Framework

Systematically evaluate proposed policies - Activity 2 (15 minutes)

Choose ONE Policy to Analyze

- ◯ Raise {{STATE_NAME}} minimum wage to $15/hour
- ◯ Make public community college free in {{STATE_NAME}}
- ◯ Implement statewide carbon tax
- ◯ Ban single-use plastic bags in {{STATE_NAME}}
- ◯ Increase gas tax by $0.10/gallon for infrastructure
- ◯ Require paid family leave for all employers

Or enter your own policy:

Your policy to analyze...

1 Identify the Problem

What market failure or issue does this policy address?

Describe the problem this policy is trying to solve...

2 Benefits

Stakeholder	How They Benefit	Estimated Value
Group 1	Benefit description	$ or describe
Group 2	Benefit description	$ or describe
Group 3	Benefit description	$ or describe
Society overall	Overall benefit	$ or describe

3 Costs

Stakeholder	How They're Harmed	Estimated Cost
Group 1	Cost/harm description	$ or describe
Group 2	Cost/harm description	$ or describe
Group 3	Cost/harm description	$ or describe
Society overall	Overall cost	$ or describe

4 Unintended Consequences

> **Example:** Minimum wage increase may lead to automation, reduced hours, or businesses moving to other states.

What might happen that policymakers didn't anticipate?

List potential unintended consequences of this policy...

5 Alternatives

Is there a better way to solve the problem?

Consider market-based solutions, different regulations, or doing nothing...

6 Your Recommendation

- ◯ **Implement**
  Benefits clearly exceed costs
- ◯ **Modify**
  Good idea but needs changes
- ◯ **Reject**
  Costs exceed benefits or better alternatives exist

If modifying, what changes would you make?

Describe modifications...

Reasoning for your recommendation:

Explain why you chose this recommendation...

How confident are you? (1-10)

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What information would increase your confidence?

What additional data or evidence would help you make a better decision?