

Policy Impact Analyzer Tool

Six-step framework to analyze any government policy - Activity 4 (10 minutes)

Choose a Policy That Affects YOU

Examples:

- Student loan forgiveness
- Gas tax increase
- Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)
- Social Security (will you get benefits?)
- {{STATE_NAME}}-specific policy

Your chosen policy:

Enter the policy you want to analyze...

1 Classify the Policy

Policy type:

<input type="checkbox"/> Tax	<input type="checkbox"/> Subsidy	<input type="checkbox"/> Price control
<input type="checkbox"/> Regulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Public good provision	<input type="checkbox"/> Redistribution

2 Identify Market Failure (if any)

What market failure does this address?

<input type="checkbox"/> Monopoly	<input type="checkbox"/> Externality	<input type="checkbox"/> Public good
<input type="checkbox"/> Information asymmetry	<input type="checkbox"/> Inequality	<input type="checkbox"/> None (not addressing market failure)

3 Map Winners and Losers

Group	Win or Lose?	How?	Magnitude
You personally	Select... ▾	How affected?	\$ or scale
Your demographic	Select... ▾	How affected?	\$ or scale
Taxpayers	Select... ▾	How affected?	\$ or scale
Specific industry	Select... ▾	How affected?	\$ or scale
Future generations	Select... ▾	How affected?	\$ or scale

4 Assess Effectiveness

Does policy achieve its stated goal?

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Yes, fully	Partially	No	Unclear/too soon

5 Consider Opportunity Cost

What else could the money/resources be used for?

List alternative uses for these resources...

Is this the best use?

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Yes	Maybe	No

6 Make Recommendation

Your position:

Support

Benefits exceed costs, good policy

Support with modifications

Good concept but needs changes

Oppose

Costs exceed benefits, poor policy

Uncertain

Need more information

If supporting with modifications, what changes?

Describe needed modifications...

If uncertain, what information do you need?

What would help you decide?

Key evidence for your position:

What facts or reasoning support your position?

How strongly do you feel? (1-10)



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