

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:

Tax

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Subsidy

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Price control

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Regulation

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Public good provision

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Redistribution

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2 Identify Market Failure (if any)

What market failure does this address?

Monopoly

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Externality

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Public good

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Information asymmetry

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Inequality

☐

None (not addressing market failure)

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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?

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Yes, fully

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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?

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Yes

☐

Maybe

☐

No

6 Make Recommendation

Your position:

Support

Benefits exceed costs, good policy

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Support with modifications

Good concept but needs changes

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Oppose

Costs exceed benefits, poor policy

☐

Uncertain

Need more information

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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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