

Assignment: Policy Paper

Draft due 11/27 by 11:59pm on Canvas

Peer Review 12/1 in class

Final due 12/9 by 11:59pm on Canvas

Prompt: Professor Thompson is the WA Representative for the 7th District. She is busy working on climate change legislation and higher education finance reform. You work for a non-governmental organization that is very interested in the research topic you have selected for this quarter. Using the skills and techniques developed in class, write a policy one-pager on your research topic with the following guidelines:

- 1) Not all white papers cite their sources (this depends on the culture of the community for whom you are working). For this assignment, cite all sources. Use a minimum of four sources in completing your policy statement. Citations can be included either in a bibliography or in footnotes.
- 2) You must have at least one graphic to illustrate your point. Ensure you properly cite your graphic.
- 3) You must have at least two courses of action presented in your policy paper.

The policy papers will be reviewed in class by your peers before the final one is due. We will also provide feedback on the drafts. These policy papers will be the foundation of your policy presentations during the final class period (we'll go over that next week...).

	Exemplary	Good	Poor	Score
	3	2	1 0	
Content and Development	Content is accurate and persuasive. Enough background is provided for other students to follow. Major points are stated clearly and are well supported. Concrete recommendations for solutions for the problem are made.	Content is not persuasive. Some jargon is used that is not defined clearly for the other students. Major points are addressed but not well supported. Not all information presented is synthesized to provide your viewpoint. Recommendations for future solutions are vague.	Content is incomplete. Excessive use of jargon or acronyms. Major points are not clear or persuasive. Major points are not linked to scientific papers. No attempt is made to synthesize content into your point of view. No specific recommendations for solutions are made.	
	3	2	1 0	
Format	Paper uses proper one-pager structure. Paper includes at least two courses of action. Graphic is used.	Paper includes most element of one-pager structure. Paper has one course of action. Graphic is used.	Paper does not adhere to one-pager structure. Paper does not provide course of action. No graphic used.	
	3	2	1 0	
Design	Paper is visually appealing. Format uses headings, bullet points, and effective use of white space. Consistent formatting used throughout paper.	Paper is easy to read, but does not consistently highlight key points. Paper looks slightly cluttered.	Paper is disorganized and cluttered. Formatting is inconsistent. Nothing draws reader's eyes to keep points.	
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Sources		Properly cites four sources in paper, and properly cites graphic.	Fewer than four sources used, or improper citations.	