**Public Policy Project**

**American Government**

**Public Policy:**

* a general plan of action, designed by government to solve a problem or pursue an objective

**You will be graded on your ability to do the following:**

1. Present and analyze assigned area of domestic or foreign policymaking of American government, including the history of policymaking in the area and the current policy status and its impact on the American public.

2. Demonstrate thorough understanding of the policymaking on your topic from the research you have completed.

3. Creatively assemble your research into an informative webpage for classmates to view.

**Total points possible: 100**

**Directions:**

1. Choose a group of 3-4 people that you believe you will be able to work well with. You may choose to work alone instead if you wish. However, be advised that there is a LOT of work to do.

2. Research the following topics:

1. *Definition and purpose of policymaking and public policy*
2. **A history of policymaking in your area (include notable politicians/presidents, etc.)**
3. How the 3 branches of government impact the policy area (how do the branches of government work together to impact the policy)
4. Other major governmental/bureaucratic agencies involved in the policymaking area (ie. Department of Education)

* If you cannot give an example of YOUR specific topic, explain how the three branches work together on a policy in general.

1. The role of outside interest groups and/or PACs
2. Policy’s impact on everyday lives of the American people
3. Current status of policy issues or issues within your specific topic
4. Include your groups’ own opinion on a given issue within your topic and provide us with your own solution to this issue
5. Public opinion of a policy within your area (Analyze results of a public opinion poll)

3. Organize information onto a Weebly or Wix site

4. Include a video about your given topic, and pictures that relate to your information

5. Include ONE news article that touches on your topic and a summary of the article

6. List the resources you utilized to find your information on a works Cited page.

7. Post a link to your website on the Google classroom page for Mrs. Salyer’s government class.

8. Present your findings to the class by navigating the Weebly

**Due Date: Monday May 11th**

**Policymaking Areas**

1. Healthcare

* Health insurance, healthcare costs, childhood obesity, prevention, obesity, disparities

1. Poverty & welfare

* Hunger, homelessness, job training, unemployment, etc.

1. Immigration
2. National security

* Terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, communism, etc.

1. Domestic crime

* Drugs, mass murder, school shootings, gang violence, hazing, etc.

6. Energy/environmental regulation/Agriculture

7. Monetary or Fiscal Policy

8. Foreign policy

* International relations, peace organizations, alliances, treaties, etc.

9. Education Policy

* Teacher quality, student success, college access, early childhood education, testing, education standards, etc.
  + http://cepa.stanford.edu/publications/research-areas

10. Defense Policy

* American involvement in wars, the draft, etc.

11. Civil rights

* African Americans, Asian Americans, women, Gay rights, etc.

12. Law/Justice

* Drugs, divorce, domestic violence, child protection laws, discrimination, human trafficking, etc.

***\*\* Be ready to meet deadlines throughout the next couple weeks to make sure you are on track. \*\****