

Economics of Policy Issues

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Tutorial 2

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Overview

- Purpose of Group Presentations/Debate
 - Explore and evaluate real life economic policies
 - Understand the components of a policy analysis exercise
 - Improve your presentation skills
 - Learn to work in teams with different personalities
- Purpose of Today's Tutorial
 - Share views on the different components of your policy analysis presentation/debate
 - Agree a provisional work plan and tasks
 - Get to know your team members



Discussion Points: The Seven Steps

- **Step 1:** Define the problem
- **Step 2:** Establish goals
- **Step 3:** Outline the current situation (policy and literature)
- **Step 4:** Define Methodology
- **Step 5:** Outline policy options
- **Step 6:** Evaluate the options
- **Step 7:** Make Recommendations



Step 4: Define the Methodology

- **Desk Based Research**

- Review of secondary sources

- Original data analysis

{ Starting point for Pres and paper
(and sufficient) }

{ Possible for paper
(Needs to be linked to Q) }

- **Qualitative Approaches**

- Interviews

- Case studies

- Focus group discussions

{ Possible for paper
(not always appropriate) }

- **Quantitative Approaches**

- Original data collection

- Econometric Analysis



Topics

1. US Presidential Debate on Economic Issues
2. Targeted Children's Allowance in Ireland: Ending Universality
3. School Vouchers for Families
4. Funding Crisis at Third Level: Should We Reintroduce Fees?
5. Solutions to Dublin's Housing Crisis
6. Options for Reducing Youth Male Unemployment in Ireland
7. Reform of Health Care: Universal Health Insurance



Debate Timetable

- H. Clinton, Democratic (5 minutes)
- D. Trump, Republican (5 minutes)
- G. Johnson, Libertarian (5 minutes)
- J. Stein, Green Party (5 minutes)
- Moderator (Time Keeper/Event Manager/Pre and Post debate Pollster/ (10 Minutes of Q and A)
- Two minute wrap-up from each candidate
- Panelist 1: Paul Ryan (5 minutes)
- Panelist 2: Bernie Sanders (5 minutes)

