

Draft a Policy Memo: Science, Technology, and Commerce

Instructions: Each of the prompts below outlines a hypothetical scenario requiring a policy response. Pick one of the three prompts below, and create a 1-2 page memo responding to the prompt of your choosing. Marshall what you have learned in this unit to outline a plan of action and to describe the justification for that plan. In developing your memo, you may want to review the Guide to Responding for composition tips and a grading rubric to self-assess your memo.

Prompts

- 1) In a policy memo, assess the concept of a company's being too big to fail. Should governments intervene to save huge companies when they are about to fail and therefore threaten the health of an economy as a whole? Should the government put regulations in place that prevent companies from becoming so dominant in the first place? Or, should the government simply allow the market to decide?
- 2) Should a state require vaccinations for the children of families that have religious, ethical, or medical objections to those vaccines? Please speak to both the value of public health concerns of the society as a whole as well as the autonomy of the families concerned.