

Draft a Policy Memo: Operations of Government, Lobbying, Campaigns and Elections

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, outline a framework for whistleblower laws. How much protection should they be given? Should different kinds of whistleblowers be treated differently from each other?
- 2) In a policy memo, consider whether lawmakers should be prevented from taking certain kinds of jobs—such as lucrative board positions on companies they have influenced—after they have left office. From one perspective, such jobs represent an opportunity for major kickbacks. From another perspective such legislation would bar former legislators from taking positions for which they are qualified.