

Presenting Your Option

Preparing Your Presentation

Your Assignment: Your group has been called upon to appear before the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims of the House of Representatives. Your assignment is to persuade the subcommittee members that your option should be the basis for U.S. policy. You will be judged on how well you present your option.

Organizing Your Group: Each member of your group will take a specific role. Below is a brief explanation of the responsibilities for each role.

1. Spokesperson: Your job is to organize your group's presentation to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims in a three-to-five minute presentation. You will receive help from the other members of your group. Keep in mind, though, that you are expected to take the lead in organizing your group. Read your option and review the background reading to build a strong case for your option. The "Expressing Key Values" worksheet will help you organize your thoughts.

2. Domestic Policy Analyst: Your job is to explain how your option would improve the lives of Americans here at home. Carefully read your option, and then review Part II of the background reading. Make sure that your area of expertise is reflected in the presentation of your group. The "Expressing Key Values" worksheet will help you organize your thoughts.

3. Foreign Policy Analyst: Your job is to explain how your option would address our international interests. Carefully read your option, and then review Part II of the background reading. Make sure that your area of expertise is reflected in the presentation of your group. The "Expressing Key Values" worksheet will help you organize your thoughts.

4. Historian: Your job is to show how the lessons of history support your option. Carefully read your option, and then review Part I of the background reading. Make sure that your area of expertise is reflected in the presentation of your group. The "Expressing Key Values" worksheet will help you organize your thoughts.

Making Your Case

After your preparations are completed, your group will deliver a three-to-five minute presentation to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims. The "Expressing Key Values" worksheet and other notes may be used, but you should speak clearly and convincingly. During the other presentations, you should try to identify the weak points of the competing options. After all of the groups have presented their options, members of the subcommittee will ask you cross-examination questions. Any member of your group may respond during the cross-examination period.

