

Homework #1 – PubAfr 4010 – Due 03 September 2024 @ 11:59pm on Canvas.

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1. Go to <https://news.google.com/> and select any tab across the top (i.e. U.S., World, Local, Business, Entertainment, Sports, Science, or Health). Identify an article that describes a problem. This problem can be important to you, important to society, or simply something interesting and different. **Briefly describe what the article says, and explicitly describe what the problem that the article outlines.** You may quote the article or paraphrase/summarize the problem in your own words, but be sure that your description of the problem is complete.
2. Now you understand the problem. We are going to practice the PrOACT strategies that are outlined in the readings for session 3. You have already defined the problem. **The second step is to specify your objectives. You may refer to the reading as you wish, or interpret this as being either the decision criteria that a good policy must take into account** (e.g. it cannot raise taxes, it must be viewed as favorable by 50% of the population, ecc. You decide what criteria are important!).
3. Next, specify alternatives. Go to <https://chatgpt.com/> ask Chat GPT to formulate at least 3 different solutions to this problem that fit within the decision criteria that you outlined in step 2. **Briefly summarize the policy solutions that Chat GPT provides.**
4. Please evaluate the consequences (good and bad) of these policies that Chat GPT provided. How well do they address the problem? How closely do they match the decision criteria that you specified in question 2? Please focus your attention on unintended consequences of the policies, again both good and bad.

5. Finally, to the extent that analyzing the tradeoffs of the proposed solutions make sense, please consider what resources (time, energy, money, physical resources) would need to be directed to this solution, and what these resources could have otherwise gone to address. If this step does not make sense for your problem, please convince me why it does not.

6. Please save a pdf of the article, and the output from Chat GPT, and write all your responses in a text document (Word, LaTeX, or something similar). Above all, have fun – choose a problem that is funny, interesting, or different. Pick some unusual criteria. Make it tough on Chat GPT.