

Policy Brief Template

Steps:

1. **Choose an Idea**—Describe the issue you have chosen to research. Why is this issue a problem in your state or local area? Use complete sentences to explain.

Bullying is a huge problem in schools, it can seriously affect students mental health and nobody seems to be taking bullying seriously. It is a very real threat and we need to stop it.

2. **Local Agencies and Groups**— What government agencies and citizen groups would likely address the issue? Use complete sentences to explain.

The school board will most likely have concern over this issue, as it is affecting they're students the most.

3. **Solution and Criteria**— What is the ultimate goal to address this issue? In other words, how will you know the problem is solved? Use complete sentences to explain.

The overall goal to this issue is to have 90% of bullying to be gone from schools and to teach students how to react to bullying on the internet as well since we can't fully stop that issue.

4. **Options**— What are the public policy alternatives to address the issue? Use complete sentences to explain.

The goal is not to just have bullying awareness but also stoping bullying at its source. Usually the bully's in this situation aren't doing it for no reason, they are most likely acting out from a component of their life, therefore not only do we need to spread awareness but we also need to help the bully's themselves so that way they wouldn't need to inflict pain on other people.

Use the chart below to describe one positive and one negative outcome for two possible policy alternatives.

Public Policy Alternative	Positives	Negatives
Spreading awareness about bullying, putting more effort into protecting students, and putting the bully's themselves into counseling.	A lot more affective and stops the problem at its source which in turn would help reduce bullying.	Some bullies don't bully people for a reason and they think its funny so all bullying won't be reduced.
Putting students that suffer from bullying into counseling.	Helps the students mental help and will make them more strong when they get bullied in the future.	Not doing anything to stop the main problem, this plan just keeps it from escalating.

5. **Best Option**— What is the best plan to get the policy enacted? Use complete sentences to explain.

The first option is the best one because its way more affective and will help both the students and the bullies become better.

6. **Citizen Action**— How can citizens get involved to help enact the policy? Use complete sentences to explain.

Parents can teach their kids about the consequences of bullying and schools can do more than just putting up posters.

7. **Sources**— List any sources you used while researching and completing this template.

I didn't use any because I don't have access to the internet that much.