

Working Paper Guidelines

Political Science 222: Problems of the Global Community

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In order to ensure that you are a well-prepared delegate for the Global Problems Summits on terrorism and resources, you must prepare a working paper that clearly establishes your country's background, involvement, and specific policy suggestions in relation to each global problem. Working papers should be 2-3 pages (typed, double-spaced - not including the references) in length. Note that the working papers need to be carefully supported through independent research of your country and its relation to terrorism and resources. So that the flow of the paper is not disrupted, please use footnotes to support the material in your paper and include a separate bibliography at the end of the paper with all of the material referenced in preparing the paper.

Papers should contain the following three sections:

Section 1 - Global Agenda: (approximately 1/2-1 page in length)

How does this problem affect your country? Establish why your country perceives terrorism or resources to be a problem in need of attention on the global agenda. Relate this discussion specifically to how the problem affects your country or the region in which your country is based (or, if necessary, the general global context that your country operates within). Since global problems affect countries to different degrees, as part of this discussion you should relate the level of priority that your country places on this global problem.

Section 2 - Accords and Action (approximately 1/2-1 page in length)

How is your country engaged with this global problem? What has your country done previously or currently to try to solve this global problem? For example, has your country helped to develop or signed accords addressing this problem? Are there any actions that your country has taken to address this problem?

Section 3- Policy Proposals: (approximately 1/2-1 page in length, this section should be put forth on a separate page from the previous text)

Suggested policy proposals for the Global Problems Summit meeting. Since the goal of the Global Problems Summit is to create, debate, and possibly pass resolutions regarding terrorism or resources, you need to provide specific policy suggestions that could be incorporated into such a resolution. It is recommended that provide these suggestions in the same format as would be incorporated into a resolution (see the sample resolution in the rules of procedure). Be sure to provide a minimum of three recommendations for action, with details on each recommendation.

These suggestions may be based on ideas already put forth by your country that you uncover during your research, but for the most part these will be your own ideas extrapolated from the background of your country established in the previous two sections of the paper.