



Description of Components:

(1) Policy Brief Proposal:

Proposals **should not exceed 1 page (single spaced)** and should simply list the following (Bibliography may be on a second page.)

1. Brief statement of a specific contemporary human rights **policy problem** of a specific region and country case study in which you'll study this problem. Key consideration:
 - The problem should be sufficiently narrow in scope that it can be per- addressed in an 2400 – 3000 policy paper
2. Brief statement of why this human rights problem is of personal interest or in- teresting to you
3. Reference to the specific human rights covenant, including the article that pro- hibits the problem under international human rights law. (For example: ICCPR, Article 8.3 (a) "N- one is required to perform forced or compulsory labour") (Try to limit to one, even if multiple violations may be involved.)
4. Name of the organization you'll represent. Examples include:
 - a domestically-based nongovernmental organization (NGO) doing hu- man rights work in your country case study of choice. (Regardless of which org. you ultir- imately choose, you should become familiar with what domestically-based orgs are w- orth representing: their approaches, impacts, challenges, politics, etc.)
 - an internationally-based nongovernmental orgs (NGOs): Amnesty Int, Human Rights Watch, Human Rights First, Freedom House, Oxfam, Center for Global Governance, Global Fund for Women, International Rescue Committee
 - an intergovernmental org: United Nations agencies: OHCHR, UNICEF, UN WOMEN, UN-HABITAT, etc.
 - a regional orgs (e.g. specific offices within the EU, OAS, OAU, etc.)
 - a government org: for example, in the U.S. could include: U.S. Bureau of Human Rights and Labor; U.S. State Department; U.S. Department of International Development (US AID), or the Democracy, Human Rights and Governance group within the US AID. Other countries have similar ty- pes of orgs.
5. If you're able (**not required**): Name of the policymaker(s) to target. Common include:
 - head of legislative committee or subcommittee in country case study
 - head of a particular government agency, ministry, or department in coun- try
 - head of a specific agency within an inter-governmental org. (a specific UN agency: UNICEF, UNEP, UNDP, UN WOMEN, UN-HABITAT, etc.

The more specific or precise you can be about the specific actor, committee, agency head, the better. You'll need to research both the organization you'll represent (governmental, non- governmental, inter-governmental, etc.) as well as the policymaker(s) you'll target in order to understand their organizational/institutional histories, perspectives, and policy stances.

6. Bibliography: preliminary list of sources consulted - **7 minimum: 3 should be primary sources** (peer reviewed journal article, or book by academic press); remainder can be secondary sources