Public Policy Analysis Challenge Rubric
2024 Edition: Violence in America

<u>Whitepaper Title:</u>

<u>Team Members:</u>

<u>Mentor:</u>

<u>Judge:</u>

<u>Whitepaper</u>

Whitepapers should:

- Describe the scope of the problem.

- Identify the root causes of the problem.

- Explain the implications of maintaining the status quo.

- Evaluate several legislative options and explain why the proposed legislation is the proper course of action.

- Explain the proposed legislation clearly.

- Conduct a cost and benefit analysis.

- Describe how the proposed legislation will withstand judicial scrutiny.

- Address potential challenges in *enacting* the proposed legislation.

- Address potential challenges in *enforcing* the proposed legislation.

- Explain how opposition will be resolved and what coalitions of support will be formed.

- Discuss how the effectiveness of the legislation will be evaluated over time.

- Cite data appropriately.

- Follow grammatical and stylistic conventions.

- Adhere to a page range of 15 – 25, including an executive summary of no more than two pages.

<u>Points Awarded (Out of 100):</u>

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Whitepaper - Additional Notes

Please record your feedback on the whitepaper here prior to the final round.

Presentation

The team delivering the presentation should:

- Communicate key points from the whitepaper to a general audience.

- Summarize the existing body of research and draw accurate conclusions.

- Convey confidence.

- Distribute speaking time evenly between team members.

- Address judges' questions squarely.

- Avoid using acronyms, as they can confuse those who may be unfamiliar with the subject area.

- Avoid using slides that contain an overabundance of text.

Points Awarded (Out of 100):

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Presentation – Additional Notes

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