

PS 124: International Organizations

Writing Task

Task Details

Title	Policy Memo Proposal
Status	Locked ; only due date may be edited (learn more)
Due Date	2020-05-01 at 11:45 PM PDT Edit
Submission Method	Students Compose in OR Copy & Paste into Eli Review
Instructions	<p>Write a 300-350 word summary of your proposed topic for your policy memo. The summary should describe the international organization (IO) that you want to study (2 sentences) and identify a specific problem with how the IO currently operates (1 sentence). You should also identify your target policymaker and explain why this person is the right person to receive your policy memo (1 sentence). Finally, you should write 2-3 sentences about your proposed policy recommendations, including details and possible counter-arguments.</p>

Example:

I plan to write a policy memo analyzing the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), an IO with 36 countries that makes recommendations on how countries should keep terrorists and criminals from accessing the formal financial system. The FATF also monitors compliance with its recommendations and produces a "blacklist" of states that fail to meet its standards. One problem with this organization is that the blacklist has made it much more difficult for poor countries to access the global financial system. I plan to address my policy memo to the US Secretary of Treasury because this individual makes decisions about how the United States engages with the FATF. I will recommend that the US work with other countries through the FATF to encourage banks to provide more financing for developing countries. Specific recommendations might focus on new guidelines for banks, a separate developing country financial fund, and research on new types of finance. A possible counter-argument to this proposal might be that it could undermine the ability of governments to keep terrorists and criminals from accessing global finance.

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