

FAMILY IMPACT ANALYSIS

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What is the issue? Is this an EXPLICIT family policy (What types of families and/or family functions are addressed by this policy?) or an IMPLICIT family policy? Why?

From what level and branch of government is it being proposed?

What factors have affected the issue's development? In other words, what are the structural changes, demographic trends, societal shifts, etc.?

What are the ideological values involved in the issue? Are there competing definitions of the issue? (What are the arguments in favor of, against the proposed policy?) What do you think some intended AND unintended consequences of the policy might be?

Is this a policy that:

- a) Maintains the status quo or is more a force for change?
- b) Level of control- federal, state, local?
- c) Sees families (children) as a public or private institution?
- d) Promotes preventive or ameliorative strategies? (Toward ALL families or only those with problems?)
- e) Focuses on biological or social relationships?
- f) Is directed at the macro-level (e.g., economic support, housing, education, etc.) or micro-level (care-giving, dyadic relationships, nurturing)?