



ECONOMIC RESEARCH INDIVIDUAL (155)

—Secondary—

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Judges/Graders: Please double check and verify all scores and answer keys!

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TOPIC

Government officials disagree on how to adjust their local, state, or national economies. Some promote expansionary fiscal policy, while others promote contractionary fiscal policy. Imagine that you are the economic policy advisor for a government official who has asked you to research and determine his/her policy position for an upcoming speech to their constituents. Your research may include, but is not limited to:

- The impact on consumers and producers of instituting a “sin tax”.
- The impact on consumers and producers of a tax rebate.
- The impact on consumers and producers of increasing government spending on public goods and services.
- The impact on consumers and producers of reducing two or more department’s budgets within the budget.

Contestants who do not submit an entry that follows this topic will be disqualified.

JUDGING PROCEDURE

- Contestants will be introduced by contestant number. **Contestants may continue to wear their name badges.**
- As a team of judges, formulate two to three questions to ask at the conclusion of the presentation. Be sure to ask the same questions of each contestant.
- Contestants will present before a panel of judges and timekeeper.
- Set-up time will be no more than three (3) minutes.
- The presentation will be no more than seven (7) minutes; followed by judges’ questions not to exceed five (5) minutes.
- Excuse contestants upon completion of judges’ questions.
- **There can be no ties in the top ten (10) contestants.** It is the responsibility of the judges to break any ties.
- Administrator will fill out ranking sheet prior to dismissing the judges.
- If more than one (1) section is necessary, finalists will be determined by selecting an equal number from each section.
- Give administrator all Judges’ Rating Sheets, Judge Evaluation Sheets and contest materials.
- No audience is allowed in the contest room.

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