Analyzing Information About the Problem

1. Date:

2. Use your answers in the graphic organizer for Rating Problems and Narrowing In on Root Causes and the information you researched in the Annotated Bibliography graphic organizer to complete the following tasks:

   A. State the problem clearly and concisely.

   B. Explain the importance of the problem and the need to deal with it. Answer the following questions in doing so:

      ▷ Who are the stakeholders?

      ▷ How serious is the problem?

      ▷ How widespread is the problem?

      ▷ How urgent is the need to address the problem?

   C. Is there a public policy that deals with the problem?   Yes ☐   No ☐

   D. If there is a policy, answer the following questions:

      ▷ Is the policy in a law, regulation, governmental order, or other?

      ▷ Briefly describe the public policy.

      ▷ Is the public policy adequate? Explain why or why not.

      ▷ Is the policy adequate but not being enforced? Briefly explain.

A. If there is not a policy, why do you think this might be the case?

B. What level and branch of government or governmental agency should be responsible for dealing with the problem?

C. What, if anything, is government currently doing about the problem?

D. Should government seek the assistance of civil society and/or the private sphere in dealing with the problem? Why?

E. Who are the major individuals, groups, or organizations taking sides on the problem?

▷ What is their interest in the problem?

▷ What solutions are they suggesting?

▷ What are the advantages and disadvantages of their solutions?

▷ How are they trying to influence government to adopt their solutions to the problem?

F. If your class/group develops a policy to deal with this problem, how might you influence government to adopt your policy?