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Economics of COVID-19 Project 2 Policy

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Project 2
Policy Recommendation

For this project, you will recommend a policy to address a problem related to race, gender, or long-term industry changes brought about by COVID-19. For example, you may wish to address the likely increase in the wage gap, or you may recommend a policy to help this recession NOT hit high-minority neighborhoods harder than low-minority neighborhoods.

To begin with, I'd recommend choosing a problem that is particularly interesting to you or hits you harder than others. (I would choose affordable daycare, for example.) Then, think about economically sound policies that may help. Once you have a few, choose one that you think you can make the best argument for.

This is a research paper so it use at least five high-quality sources. A high-quality source is unbiased (NOT MSNBC or Fox News) and ideally in an academic journal. However, I fully realize you may not be able to find solely journal articles for this, given that COVID is so new. Please feel free to ask me if a source is ok to use.

For undergraduate students, you will be writing 5-7 pages. Graduate students will write 6-8 pages. Each paper will contain the following sections:

1. The nature of the problem and why it must be fixed 2-3 pages
2. Your proposed solution 1-2 pages
3. Arguments that your solution will solve the problem 2-3 pages.

Grading rubric:

	1. Does the student correctly identify a problem and argue why it must be fixed?	
	2.	
Yes	Borderline	No
	3. Does the student propose an economically sound solution to the problem?	
Yes	Borderline	No
	4. Does the student provide convincing arguments that their proposed solution will solve the problem?	
Yes	Borderline	No
	5. Does the student use at least five high quality sources?	
Yes	Borderline	No
	6. Is the writing high quality and free of redundancies?	
Yes	Borderline	No