

A FEW CURRENT PUBLIC POLICY TOPICS

Each of the following topics recently has been on the policy agenda of the national government. Some of the following would be great policy paper topics. Others are too broad but might be narrowed to an appropriate topic. The purpose of this list is to suggest some possibilities and stimulate your thinking, not to limit your choice of topics.

abortion	family preservation	pesticide regulation
abortion clinic access	fast-track trade reauthorization	policy toward Bosnia
accountant regulation	federal lands	policy toward China
adoption tax breaks	fighter plane modernization	policy toward Cuba
affirmative action	financing S&L bailout	policy toward Iraq
aid for republics of former USSR	flag burning	policy toward Serbia
airline industry	food and drug regulation	political action committees
airline ticket tax	food stamps	prayer in schools
Amtrack	foreign aid	prescription drugs
ancient forests	foreign intelligence	prison grants
anti-ballistic-missile defense	foreign military command	prisoners' rights
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge	free speech	privatizing governmental services
balanced-budget amendment	free trade	product liability
bank regulation	GATT	punitive damages
base closings	gays in the military	radio spectrum auctions
below-cost timber sales	grazing fees	reconciliation bill
Bosnia mission	gun control	regulation of "baby-Bells"
budget resolution	Hatch Act	rules for gifts to officials
cabinet status for EPA	hate speech	securities regulation
campaign finance	Head Start	selling National Parks
capital gains tax	health care reform	sex discrimination
capital punishment	high-performance computing	sexual harassment in the workplace
census procedures	higher education direct loans	sexual misconduct by government officials
chemical weapons	higher education spending	Social Security
child pornography	homosexual marriage	software encryption
China trade	housing	Star Wars
Clean Air Act	immigration	stealth bomber
Clean Water Act	immunization	striker replacement
community development banks	impeachment	superconducting super collider
Congressional accountability	independent counsel	Superfund
Congressional committee & staff reduction	international space station	tax cuts
Congressional ethics	international terrorism	tax increases
copyright law	Internet commerce	tax on social security benefits
corporate welfare	Internet pornography	telecommunications regulation
crime	insurance "redlining"	telemarketing fraud
criminal aliens	job training	television advertising
debt limit	line item veto	term limits
defense conversion	lobbying disclosure	terrorism
defense spending	loser pays rule	tobacco regulation
disaster relief	managed health care	transportation trust funds
domestic workers	maritime industry	truth in sentencing
drug policy	marriage penalty tax	U.N. dues
economic stimulus	Medicaid	U.N. peacekeeping
elder care tax breaks	Medicare	unemployment compensation
election reform	middle class tax relief	unfunded mandates
electric power deregulation	military pay	value added tax
Electoral College	minimum wage	vetrans' benefits
elementary and secondary education	Mining Law of 1872	vetrans' health
endangered species	NAFTA	victim impact statements
Endangered Species Act	national service	victim restitution
enterprise zones	National Endowment for the Arts	voter registration
environmental regulations	Native Americans	welfare
equal rights amendment	NIH reauthorization	wilderness areas
exclusionary rule	nuclear waste	workfare
expanded IRAs	out-of-wedlock births	
expedited rescission authority	patients' bill of rights	
family and medical leave	per child tax credit	
	peso support	