

An Energy Strategy for America

You are U.S. Senate advisors for the National Energy Strategy (NES). The Secretary of the Department of Energy has compiled a list of options for America's future energy policy. It is your job to choose a combination of these proposals for submission to the President.

They must:

- Guarantee a reliable supply of energy sufficient to meet the demands of the American economy over the next 10 years
- Promote continued economic growth (between 3-7 percent per year)
- Provide for the environmental welfare of future generations

Prioritize and evaluate your options based on the needs of the state you represent and your own best judgment. Remember that you must represent the needs of all your constituents—especially your supporters (primarily business and industry).

YOUR INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rank the energy options using the Visual Ranking tool
2. Within your group (representing one senator from one state), elect a Chairperson to lead the discussion and a Spokesperson to record the choices and report the group's decisions.
3. Develop a 5-10 minute presentation to be made to the class explaining your choices. See the Group Report Scoring Guide for more detailed information.