

PROPOSITIONS OF POLICY

1. Calls for significant change in the status quo—CALLS FOR SOME KIND OF **ACTION TO PLACE**.

(The status quo is any present policy, institution, law, program, regulation, ordinance, manner of doing something, prevalent view, etc.)

- A. Phrased as **one** (complete) declarative sentence.
- B. Expresses **one** complete idea.
- C. Phrased **affirmatively** (not negatively).
- D. Must contain the word “**should**.”
- E. Must avoid **negative, biased** terms.
- F. **Most important**, it calls for a specific **change** to take place.

2. EXAMPLES:

- A. California should adopt a Death With Dignity law.
- B. California should abolish the death penalty.
- C. California should legalize marijuana for recreational use.
- D. Same sex marriage should be made legal in the United States.
- E. The federal minimum wage should be raised to _____.
- F. A federal law should be passed prohibiting abortion upon request.
- G. All abortions should be prohibited in the United States.
- H. Casino style gambling should be legalized in California.
- I. Prostitution should be legalized in California.
- J. Obamacare should be repealed (or, and replaced).
- K. Congress should pass a law banning all firearms.
- L. Congress should pass a law mandating background checks for the purchase of any firearm.
- M. There should be mandatory drug testing of all welfare recipients.
- N. All drugs should be legalized.
- O. A federal law should be passed banning the use of animals in testing cosmetic and household products.
- P. California should mandate body cameras for all law enforcement officers.
- Q. All affirmative action employment programs should be prohibited.
- R. All GMO modified food and food products should be labeled.
- S. Congress should pass a comprehensive immigration policy.
- T. The Electoral College should be abolished.
- U. The Cuba Embargo should be lifted.
- V. All felons should be allowed to vote.
- W. The legal drinking should be lowered to 18 years of age.
- X. Social Security should be privatized.