Whitepaper Title:

Team Members:

Mentor:

Judge:

**Whitepaper**

*Whitepapers should:*

- Describe the scope of the problem.
- Identify the root causes of the problem.
- Explain the implications of maintaining the status quo.
- Evaluate several legislative options and explain why the proposed legislation is the proper course of action.
- Explain the proposed legislation clearly.
- Conduct a cost and benefit analysis.
- Describe how the proposed legislation will withstand judicial scrutiny.
- Address potential challenges in *enacting* the proposed legislation.
- Address potential challenges in *enforcing* the proposed legislation.
- Explain how opposition will be resolved and what coalitions of support will be formed.
- Discuss how the effectiveness of the legislation will be evaluated over time.
- Cite data appropriately.
- Follow grammatical and stylistic conventions.
- Adhere to a page range of 15 – 25, including an executive summary of no more than two pages.

*Points Awarded (Out of 100):*
Whitepaper - Additional Notes

Please record your feedback on the whitepaper here prior to the final round.
Presentation

The team delivering the presentation should:

- Communicate key points from the whitepaper to a general audience.
- Summarize the existing body of research and draw accurate conclusions.
- Convey confidence.
- Distribute speaking time evenly between team members.
- Address judges’ questions squarely.
- Avoid using acronyms, as they can confuse those who may be unfamiliar with the subject area.
- Avoid using slides that contain an overabundance of text.

Points Awarded (Out of 100):

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Presentation – Additional Notes

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