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Citizen Action Plan

Go to www.usnews.com/debate-club to choose an issue to develop your citizen action plan around

1. Describe the societal issue in detail.
2. State the reason(s) why this is an important issue in our society.

Historical background of the issue:

Stats that prove it's important:

Does it affect rights and freedoms of citizens, etc.? (If so, how)

Other reasons it's important:

3. Who are the stakeholders (people/groups affected) in this issue?

4. Take and defend your position on the issue.
 - a. Is there a current law, policy, ruling, or judicial precedent that is related to this issue?
 - b. What would be some possible solutions to this problem?

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Some **Citizen Action Plans** may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

- lobbying
- organized demonstration
- petition
- letter writing campaign
- newspaper articles
- letters to the editor
- rally
- door-to-door campaigning
- social media campaign
- sponsored social events

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c. List pros and cons of your position

Pros (Reasons People Should Support Your Position on the Issue)	Cons (Reasons people/groups might be against your Position on the Issue)

5. Present a Citizen Action Plan (original OR one that is advocated by an existing group or organization) that will address the issue.

a. Who are the players (people or institutions that influence policy related to the issue) in the Citizen Action Plan?

b. Which level(s) of government or government agency will your CAP target? (local, state, national)

c. What actions will you take to draw attention to your issue (explain why you chose these actions) (ex. Protests, etc-look on right side of page)

6. Discuss why you think your policy will be effective and feasible. In other words, why is your CAP likely to succeed? (Prove it would draw the attention of the government, and citizens of the area it affects)