



# PUBLIC POLICY IN-DEPTH

The *Public Policy In-Depth* library provides students with a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of key domestic and foreign policy issues. Each unit introduces students to a broad policy topic that informs the current legislative agenda, and uses framing questions and current controversies to explore multiple sides of an issue.

The foundation for this library is Close Up's annually published supplemental textbook, *Current Issues*, reformatted and enhanced for digital use. In addition to the ten major policy units in *Current Issues*, the *Public Policy In-Depth* library includes additional online-only units, interactive reading guides, and teacher resources.

## **Domestic Policy Units**

### **Intro to U.S. Government: Structure, Principles, and Tensions**

### **Intro to U.S. Elections: Key Processes and Roles**

### **Defense and Security**

- Should the United States increase defense spending?
- Should the United States use enhanced interrogation techniques?

### **The Economy**

- Should Congress raise the federal minimum wage?
- Should Congress pass a large-scale infrastructure spending package?

### **Education**

- Should governments fund universal preschool?
- Should Congress pass a bill to use federal funds for school choice programs in various states?

### **Energy and the Environment**

- Should the United States expand the practice of fracking?
- Should the development of renewable energy be a federal government priority?

### **Health Care**

- Should Congress repeal Obamacare?
- Should the government require employers to provide contraceptive coverage for their workers?

### **Immigration**

- Should governments penalize sanctuary cities?
- Should states offer in-state college tuition to "Dreamers"?

## **Law and Order**

Should the federal government impose universal background checks on gun purchases?  
Should governments abolish three strikes laws?

## **Foreign Policy Units**

### **Intro to Foreign Policy: Key Principles and Practices**

Should the United States downsize its role in global affairs?

### **The Global Economy**

Should the United States enact import taxes?  
Should the United States rejoin the Paris Agreement?

### **Human Rights Around the World**

Should the United States do more to compel other nations to address human rights abuses?  
Should the United States accept more Syrian refugees?

## **Online Only Units**

### **Intro to Executive Orders: A Tool of Presidential Power**

#### **Individual Rights**

Should states be allowed to regulate abortion?  
Should the government do more to protect the rights of gays and lesbians?  
Should the government do more to protect the right to assemble?

#### **Work and Economic Security**

Should the government play a larger role in keeping people out of poverty?  
Should affirmative action be added to employee protection and workplace discrimination laws?

#### **The Arab-Israeli Conflict**

Should the United States halt aid to Israel if it continues building settlements in disputed territories?  
Should the United States engage a Palestinian Authority government that includes Hamas?

#### **Global Security**

Should the United States deploy ground troops to combat ISIS?  
Should the United States seek tougher sanctions against Iran?

#### **Russia**

Should the United States do more to combat Russia's encroachment into Ukraine?  
Should the United States do more to counter Russia's intervention in Syria?

#### **Women's Rights Around the World**

Should the United States impose sanctions on countries that deny equal protection for women?  
Should the United States make it a priority to combat human trafficking abroad?