

FORM 6

DOCUMENTATION OF INFORMATION FROM PRINTED PUBLICATIONS

1 Names of research group members

2 Date _____

3 Briefly describe the problem you are researching.

4 Identify the library, office, agency, organization, or website where you obtained the publication.

5 Identify the

- title of the publication _____
- author(s) _____
- date of publication _____

6 Use the information in the publication to answer as many of the following questions as you can.

a What community(ies) is/are affected by this problem?

b How serious is the problem in the community?

c How widespread is the problem in other communities and states?

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d Is there a public policy that deals with the problem? Yes No

If yes, answer the following questions.

- What form does it take? (law, administrative regulation or order, judicial decision, other)

- Briefly describe the public policy. Does it involve action by government, civil society, the private sphere, or two or more of these?

- Is the public policy for dealing with the problem inadequate? Explain why.

- If the public policy for dealing with the problem is adequate, is it being poorly implemented or not enforced? Explain why.

If there is no policy dealing with the problem, explain why you think there is no policy.

e What level(s) and branch(es) of government is/are responsible for dealing with the problem?

f What, if anything, is currently being done by government to address this problem?

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g What disagreements about this public policy, or the current way of dealing with it, exist in the community?

h Who are the major individuals, groups, or organizations expressing opinions regarding the problem?

- What is their interest in the problem?

- What positions are they taking?

- What are the benefits and costs associated with their positions?

- How are they trying to influence government to adopt their position on the problem?

7 If your class develops a policy to deal with this problem, how might you influence government to adopt your policy?
