

Civic Action 1

Attempt 1

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Question 1

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1. Problem, issue, or policy you are working on.

TIP: As you think more and more carefully about the issue, you might find that you change the way you look at it. Revise your problem statement if necessary.

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The Civic Action policy we are in pursuit of is to instill the custom of bringing reusable bags when grocery shopping, by charging a 10 cent fee for every plastic bag used. The benefits resulting from such a policy would include a reduction in the amount of plastic polluting the earth, safer environment for animals, and less toxins from decomposing plastic. Furthermore, along with the benefits to the environment, reusable bags serve the consumers too as durable, convenient, and spacious bags. In our process to evaluate the policy and its likelihood, we as a collective group created a survey to test out how people would feel about this policy. We did a survey on [surveymonkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com) named Resuable Bags and received great results. 85% of our participants said they would consider using reusable bags, 71% said they would use less plastic bags if a 10 cent fee was added for every bag, and 100% of our participants said they would use reusable bags to grocery shop. Thus, these results are a great indication of the possible success of such a policy.

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Question 2

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2. What was your last civic action? Describe the outcome(s) and include any relationships to policy.

TIP: Explain what you did and how this action was an attempt to move closer to your goal, even if you did not get the results you were looking for. You should also explain how your next civic action relates to this one. Show why you are choosing the civic actions you are taking and how the outcome of one action leads you to the next.

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Our last civic action was creating a survey for the general public, specifically people who shop at grocery stores, about their uses with plastic bags. The survey showed us that some people already use reusable bags and that people are willing to change their ways if a 10 cent tax was placed on plastic bags. Also, the survey was informative because it allowed us to narrow down what we might change on our issue. After our we learned that the change from plastic to reusable can be done with little opposition as long as we pay attention to consumers' needs. This civic action will help us fix our policy because now we understand ways

that will gather more supporters of our cause.

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Question 3

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3. What knowledge, skills, or attitudes of effective citizenship did you use or did you gain through doing this civic action? In other words, what did this have to do with what you are supposed to be learning in this class?

TIP: Think about the Citizenship Brainstorm from Lesson 1 and knowledge, skills, or attitudes you used or developed while planning and carrying out your civic action. Also, think about how all this relates to what you are supposed to be learning and doing in your government course, including things you have read or discussed.

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Through our first action we learned that some people already use reusable bags. However, for the ones that do not, they are willing to change but under the right conditions. The use of an online survey was very effective and an easy way to reach multiple people. This helped us to create a system, like a democracy, where citizens can voice their opinion and make changes on something they like or don't like.

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Question 4

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4. What is your next civic action? Be specific. For example, "Meet with _____," or "Write to _____," or "Attend _____." What is the purpose of this action?

TIP: Show that you are thinking things through and taking logical steps to address your issue. Show that you are a problem-solver by describing why you think this is a good next step. As you move further into CAP, your actions and goals should become more advanced. For example, you might have started with civic actions like looking up facts on the web and have graduated to calling people, attending a meeting, or persuading others to build a constituency. Some good advice: Prepare before you talk to people so that they will respect your knowledge about your issue and be more willing to help you.

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Our next step in pursuing our new civic action is to meet up with the owners of all of the grocery, convenience, and clothing stores, as well as the other stores that use plastic bags, so that we may discuss our new idea of charging for plastic bags. We will implore them to use our idea of charging each customer \$0.10 per bag, which will benefit both the store and the environment, as they will start to make more profit, and our environment will be less littered by disposable plastic bags. If our idea does not appeal to them, then we can negotiate other ideas, such as completely getting rid of plastic bags, like Costco does, and maybe even switching from plastic to paper. The purpose of this action is so that we may finally put our idea into action, as we first need to consult permission from the stores before we can place this civic action in effect.

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Question 5

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5. When do you expect to complete this civic action?

We will consult the store owners as soon as possible, but we expect the civic action to complete within at least a couple months. In order to correlate all the necessary steps that go along with such a process of integrating a new policy into a store.