

# WHAT IS AND IS NOT PUBLIC POLICY?

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the first example of a community problem shown in the middle column below, and then read what is and what is not a public policy solution in the columns on either side. Next, think about possible solutions for each of the community problems and write your own for each of them. Use the last space to identify examples of a problem in your community and give an example for it as well. After you have come up with your own responses, share them with your group members or the class.

## No

*Churches in the local community organize a drive to collect food and clothing and then distribute it.*

## COMMUNITY PROBLEMS

**Indigent families in the community need food and warm clothing**

**School aged children are out on the streets late on school nights**

**Parents are not using child protective car seats properly**

**The lake in the community park is polluted and filled with litter**

**Owners of a professional football team want to build a stadium in the city**

**Many students in the local high school have been cheating on homework and tests**

## YES

*and clothing from participating merchants using vouchers*

*City officials fund a program for needy individuals to "buy" food*