**Policy Brief Presentation Questions**

HSB4U – Challenge and Change

All questions are taken/amended from Social Science and Humanities Curriculum (2013) and fit in at various parts of the semester. Each group will make a proposal for future changes regarding the issue in the question.

**Future of Schools**

* If schools are to be restructured what model of school is ideal for an evolving society?
* Potential Issues: Approaches to technology, mental health, teaching practices, post-secondary preparation, funding for specialized programs, etc.

**Discrimination in Schools**

* In what ways do schools reveal discrimination/inequality in society, and what can be done to address this?
* Potential Issues: Access to technology, extra-curricular activities; financial issues, acceptance of culture, etc.

**Homelessness**

* How severe is Canada’s homelessness issue, and what steps can be taken to address it?
* Potential Issues: Affordable housing, gentrification, access to services, youth homelessness, mental health, addiction, etc.

**Gun Culture**

* How do Canada’s gun control laws compare to those in other English speaking countries, and should Canada be doing more to increase/decrease these laws?
* Potential Issues: Access to guns, comparisons to US, media influence/glorification, etc.

**Working Poor/ Basic Income**

* How severe is the issue of underpaid workers in Canada, and does this reveal entrenched economic stratification that cannot be solved?
* Potential Issues: Affordable housing, availability of jobs, education, guaranteed income, inflation, taxation, exploitation in the workplace, etc.

**Drug Trafficking/Addiction**

* How does Canada’s drug trade compare to other nations in the world, and should Canada be doing more to increase/decrease laws on this issue?
* Potential Issues: Access to drugs, addiction, street drugs, pharmaceutical industry, decriminalization, opioid abuse

**The Future of Labour**

* How will the increase of technology alter the work force, and what can/should Canada do to ensure the impacts are mitigated?
* Potential Issues: Automation, technology, education, demise of traditional labour, class conflict, lack of opportunity, division of labour, etc.

**Violence in Media**

* How pervasive is violence in the media, and is there a direct correlation towards negative behaviours and/or criminal activity?
* Potential Issues: Access to technology, glorification of violence, desensitization, celebrity obsession, copycat theories, education, etc.