

Beyond Black & White Scenarios

SCENARIO 1

A new law is proposed that requires every family earning over a certain income amount to “adopt” a family earning below the poverty line. Under this new law, families with high incomes will meet with the low-income families once a month and give them a check with a certain percentage of their earnings. In this way, law-makers propose to even out the disparity in income of individual families, as well as connect families in different class groups.

SCENARIO 2

A new law is proposed that requires every working American to volunteer the equivalent of 2 years of their time for a cause of their choice (education, the environment, domestic violence, etc). Individuals who volunteer their time full-time (40 hours/wk for two years) will receive a small stipend of \$900/month. Individuals who volunteer their time for a few hours after work or on weekends will receive no additional compensation. In this way, law-makers propose to encourage community involvement, and support social institutions to do good work.

SCENARIO 3

Brainstorm a situation that participants would like use as the next topic.