

Economics 4999 Colorado Economy

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Syllabus

Course Objectives:

This course will introduce students to major policy issues confronting the Colorado economy. The major policy areas include: Long Term Fiscal Stability; Economic Growth, and Human Resources. Within each of these major policy areas specific issues are identified.

Course requirements:

Students should select one issue to explore within each of the major policy areas. The term paper on that issue should focus on a specific policy question. Suggested questions are provided on each of these issues; however, students may provide their own questions as long as the questions relate to the issues explored in the course.

Students will write three term papers, one for each of the questions they have chosen to explore. The term papers should focus on controversial policies relating to that question. Students are expected to take policy positions on the question and defend that position in the term papers and class presentations. Students are especially encouraged to introduce their own ideas and policy prescriptions.

These essays should be between 10 and 15 typewritten pages, double spaced. They should include appropriate documentation including both a bibliography and footnotes or endnotes.

The syllabus provides suggested readings on these issues from a broad political perspective. Many of the readings are from Colorado think tanks, including the more conservative Independence Institute, and the more liberal Bell Policy Center. Other readings are from national think tanks representing a broad political perspective as well. Government publications, including recent legislation are provided for each issue. Students should develop their own bibliography in writing each term paper.

In addition to the suggested readings on the syllabus students should develop their own bibliography in writing these essays. Additional source materials can be found in the following suggested sources:

Colorado Government Source Materials (see State of Colorado web site)

Colorado State Think Tanks
Independence Institute
Bighorn Center
Bell Policy Center
Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute

Other State Think Tanks: (see State Policy Network web site)

National Think Tanks
CATO
Heritage Foundation
Brookings Institute
American Enterprise Institute
Urban Institute
Reason Foundation
National Center for Policy Analysis

National Organizations Focused on State Issues
American Legislative Exchange Council
National Conference of State Legislatures
National Association of State Budget Officers
National Governors Conference

National Taxpayer Organizations
Tax Foundation
Americans for Tax Reform
Americans for Prosperity
National Taxpayers Union

Students who have chosen to write term papers on a specific issue will present summaries of their paper in class. The class presentation should focus on the position they have taken on the policy issue and defense of that position. Students should not plan to read their paper. They should plan on about 10 minutes for each presentation. They will be expected to discuss and defend the position they have taken on the question with other class members.

Class attendance and participation are an important part of this course. Students can miss one class in each of the three sections of the course without penalty, additional absences will result in lower grades on that topic.

Grading

Students will receive three grades representing each section of the course. Each of those grades will be based upon the essay and class attendance and participation. Each of the three grades will be equally weighted in the final grade.

Your Professor writes extensively for more conservative/libertarian think tanks, and some of these publications appear in this syllabus, along with source materials from different political perspectives. The course is designed to give students an opportunity to explore policy issues, to take a policy position, and to defend that position in term papers and discussion and debate with fellow students. You will find students taking policy positions from a broad political perspective, liberal and conservative. Your grades are based not on the political perspective of your policy position, but rather on how well you defend that position.

Disclaimer:

This class will be conducted in conformity to all of the rules and procedures which are provided in publications by the University of Colorado

Topical Outline and Assignments

I Long Term Fiscal Stability

This year the Colorado Legislature created a bipartisan Interim Committee on Long Term Fiscal Stability. The Committee is holding meetings in which experts both inside and outside state government are providing testimony. This testimony and reports of the Committee can be found on the web site under important links noted below. The Committee is exploring a wide range of issues relating to long term fiscal stability. The first part of the course will explore these issues in fiscal stability

Important Links

Interim Committee on Long Term Fiscal Stability

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Colorado Legislative Council

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Office of State Budget and Planning

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Independence Institute Fiscal Policy Center

<http://i2i.org/fiscalspolicycenter.aspx>

Bighorn Center, Budget Policy

<http://www.coloradobudget.com/>

Bell Policy Center Fiscal Studies

<http://www.thebell.org>

Colorado Center on Law and Policy

<http://www.cclponline.org>

State Policy Network

<http://www.spn.org>

Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute

<http://www.cclponline.org>

Colorado Constitution (for reference purposes)

<http://i2i.org/Publications/ColoradoConstitution/iscolocn.htm>

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

www.cbpp.org

Reforming Colorado's Fiscal Constitution

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should changes be introduced in TABOR?

“ “ “ “ “ Arveschuag/Bird?

“ “ “ “ “ Gallagher?

“ “ “ “ “ Amendment 23?

Suggested Readings

Government Publications

Todd Herreid, “The State Constitution and School Finance”, Colorado
Legislative Staff Council

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Natalie Mullis, “The Framework for General Fund Expenditures” Colorado Legislative Council Staff

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Kate Watkins, “State Spending Limitations: TABOR and Referendum C”, Colorado Legislative Staff

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Legislative Council Staff and Legislative Legal Staff Presentations”, “Fiscal Stability Commission”,

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

State Taxpayer Accountability Report (STAR) Fiscal Year 2006-07

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Colorado Constitution (for reference purposes)

<http://i2i.org/Publications/ColoradoConstitution/iscolocn.htm>

Referendum O Citizen-Initiated State Laws

Colorado Legislative Council

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Initiative #126

Colorado Legislative Council

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Initiative #126 Changing Education Funding and Ending Future TABOR Rebates

Colorado Legislative Council

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Memorandum: Proposed Initiative Measure 2007-08 #126, Concerning Education Funding

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Henry Sobanet TABOR 101: How Colorado's Budget works

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Legislative Staff Discussion on Referendum C and D

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2005/research/05taxandfinance.htm

Legislative Staff Report on Referendum C Revenue and Spending

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Referendum #88 Rebate of Money Above referendum C Estimates

<http://www.leg.state.co.us/lcs/0506initrefr.nsf/89fb842d0401c52087256cbc00650696/c6083eca0cdb3fd87257186007644c5?OpenDocument>

Other Publications

Barry W. Poulson, "A Fiscal Roadmap for Colorado", Independence Institute

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Wade Buchanan, "Colorado's Fiscal Challenge", The Bell Policy Center

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

The Bell Policy Center, "Looking Forward: Colorado's Fiscal Prospects After Ref C

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Bert Waisanen, "State Tax and Expenditure Limits-2009, National Conference of State Legislators

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Daniel Thatcher, "State Budget Stabilization Funds, National Conference of State Legislators

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Linda Gorman and Ben DeGrow, Exposing TABOR Data Games
<http://i2i.org/fiscalpolicycenter.aspx>

Penn Pfiffner, TABOR Benefits Colorado's Citizens
<http://i2i.org/fiscalpolicycenter.aspx>

Robert Bigot, California TABOR Dreamin
<http://i2i.org/fiscalpolicycenter.aspx>

Mark Hillman and Amy Oliver, State Budget Scrutiny Reveals Ref C Shuffle
<http://i2i.org/fiscalpolicycenter.aspx>

Barry W. Poulson, What Is At Stake in the Current Battle Over Colorado's Tax and Spending Limits? Independence Institute
<http://www.i2i.org>

Barry W. Poulson, Amendment 23, An \$11 Billion Tax Increase
http://www.i2i.org/main/author.php?author_id=90

Barry W. Poulson, Tax and Spending Limits: Theory Analysis and Policy
http://www.i2i.org/main/author.php?author_id=90

Barry W. Poulson, A Constitutional Impasse: Gallagher, Bird/Arveschaugh, TABOR, and Amendment 23
http://www.i2i.org/main/article.php?article_id=441

Barry W. Poulson, Getting the Government that Colorado Citizens Want and are Willing to Pay For
http://www.i2i.org/main/author.php?author_id=90

Barry W. Poulson, Californicating Colorado's Economy
http://www.i2i.org/main/author.php?author_id=90

Barry W. Poulson, Surveying the Battleground on Tax and Spending limits, Reason Foundation Annual Report on Privatization 2006
<http://www.reason.org/>

Barry W. Poulson Colorado's TABOR Amendment: Recent Trends and Future prospects Americans for Prosperity Foundation
http://www.americansforprosperity.org/includes/filemanager/files/co/pdf_co_paulson0704a.pdf

A Colorado Constitutional Paradox: Initiatives, Referenda, and the Eclipse of Original Intent in County governance.
<http://i2i.org>

Protecting the People's Voice: Identifying the Obstacles to Colorado's Initiative and Referendum Process

<http://i2i.org>

Lind Gorman, Referendum C: Rewarding the Colorado assembly for Behaving Irresponsibly

<http://i2i.org>

Tax Reforms

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should reforms be introduced in property taxes?

“	“	“	“	“	severance taxes?
“	“	“	“	“	income taxes
“	“	“	“	“	sales and excise taxes?
“	“	“	“	“	business personal property taxes?

Should Colorado limit debt?

“	“	“	fees?
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Suggested Readings

Government Publications

Summary of 2009 Major Legislative Issues: Tax and Finance, Legislative Council Staff

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Todd Herreid, “Business Personal Property “, Colorado Legislative Council Staff

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Colorado Ballot Proposal 2009-2010 #21

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Colorado Ballot Proposal 2009-10 #10

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Colorado Ballot Proposal 2009-10 #12

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Focus Colorado: Economic and Revenue Forecast, 2008-2012, Colorado Legislative Council Staff

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Colorado Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives: Government Efficiency and Management Review

<http://www.colorado.gov/governor>

Governor Ritter Unveils Colorado Children's Amendment, Press Release, 13 March 2007

<http://www.colorado.gov/governor>

2008 Legislative Issues Government Local Taxes/Tax Revenues

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Senate Bill 07-199 Digest of Bills – 2007 Education Public Schools

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

State Tax Rankings Office of State Planning and Budgeting

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Initiative 113 Severance Taxes on the Oil and Natural Gas Industry

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Memorandum Proposed Initiative Measure 2007-2008 #113 Concerning Severance Tax

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Initiative 119 Concerning the Allocation of Severance Tax Revenues

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Initiative #120 Use of Severance Tax Revenue for Highways

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Memorandum Proposed Initiative Measure 2007-2008 #120 Concerning Severance Tax – Transportation

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

The Oil and Gas Industry in Colorado Office of State Planning and Budgeting
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Colorado Severance Taxes Colorado Office of State Planning and Budgeting
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Initiative 23 Proposed Initiative Measure 2007-2008 Concerning the Imposition and Distribution of Severance Tax on Oil and Gas
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Memorandum Proposed Initiative Measure 2007-2008 Initiative for severance tax on gas and oil
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Other Publications

Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute, Handouts for Interim Committee on Long Term Fiscal Stability
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Henry Sobanet, Presentation to Fiscal Stability Commission
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Standard and Poor's Colorado: Appropriations: General Obligation
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Colorado's State Budget Tsunami, Issue Brief, Center for Colorado's Economic Future
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Ben DeGrow, A Property Tax Increase By Any Other Name
<http://i2i.org/fiscalspolicycenter.aspx>

Ben DeGrow, Ritter Plan Increases Burden on Taxpayers
<http://i2i.org/fiscalspolicycenter.aspx>

Ben DeGrow, Ritter's Tax Freeze Plan is Melting
<http://i2i.org/fiscalspolicycenter.aspx>

Independence Institute Fiscal Policy Center
<http://i2i.org/fiscalpolicycenter.aspx>

Bighorn Center, Budget Policy
<http://www.coloradobudget.com/>

Bell Policy Center Fiscal Studies
<http://www.thebell.org>

Colorado Center on Law and Policy
<http://www.cclponline.org>

State Policy Network
<http://www.spn.org>

Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute Aiming for the Middle
<http://www.cclponline.org>

Coloradan's for a Stable Economy
<http://www.facethestate.org>

The Colorado Oil and Gas Severance Tax Break: Eliminating This Subsidy Will
Not Affect Consumer Energy Prices
www.sonoran.org

Separating the Severance Tax Issues, gjfreepress
<http://www.gjfreepress.com>

Independence Institute Fiscal Policy Center
<http://i2i.org/fiscalpolicycenter.aspx>

Bighorn Center, Budget Policy
<http://www.coloradobudget.com/>

Bell Policy Center Fiscal Studies
<http://www.thebell.org>

Colorado Center on Law and Policy
<http://www.cclponline.org>

State Policy Network
<http://www.spn.org>

Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute Aiming for the Middle
<http://www.cclponline.org>

Budget Reform

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Does Colorado need an effective rainy day fund?

“ “ “ “ “ sunset law?

Should Colorado eliminate unfunded liabilities, e.g. PERA

Should Colorado limit annualization, i.e. the use of one time money for ongoing programs, e.g. federal bailout money?

Should Colorado use priority budgeting?

Should Colorado use performance based budgeting?

Suggested Readings

Government Publications

Summary of 2009 Major Legislative Issues: Government-Local, Legislative Council Staff

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Bill Tracking By Subject Area: State Government Related Bills, Legislative Council Staff

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Staff 2007 Fiscal Bills

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Office of State Budget and Planning

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Colorado Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives: Government Efficiency and Management Review

<http://www.colorado.gov/governor>

Other Publications

Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute, Handouts for Interim Committee on Long Term Fiscal Stability

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Henry Sobanet, Presentation to Fiscal Stability Commission

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Standard and Poor's Colorado: Appropriations: General Obligation

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Colorado's State Budget Tsunami, Issue Brief, Center for Colorado's Economic Future

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Barry W. Poulson, What Now For PERA, Independence Institute

<http://www.i2i.org>

Michael Mannino, Deferred Retirement Compensation for K-12 Employees, Independence Institute

<http://www.i2i.org>

Geoffrey Segal, Priority Colorado

<http://i2i.org>

Bighorn Center, Budget Policy

<http://www.coloradobudget.com/>

Independence Institute Fiscal Policy Center

<http://i2i.org/fiscalspolicycenter.aspx>

Bell Policy Center Fiscal Studies

<http://www.thebell.org>

Colorado Center on Law and Policy

<http://www.cclponline.org>

Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute Aiming for the Middle

<http://www.cclponline.org>

State Policy Network

<http://www.spn.org>

II Economic Growth

In recent years the state has introduced a wide range of policies designed to promote economic development. Critics challenge the role that these policies play in economic

development; and argue that these policies often violate property rights and economic due process. Critics argue that Colorado should scale back these policies and rely primarily on private markets to promote economic growth.

Important Links

Colorado Legislative Council

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Office of State Budget and Planning

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Office of Economic Development and International Trade

<http://www.state.co.us/oed/index.cfm>

Property Rights Project

<http://www.propertyrightsproject.org/>

Center for the American Dream

http://www.i2i.org/main/page.php?page_id=10

Office of Smart Growth,

<http://www.dola.state.co.us/smartgrowth/index.htm>

Independence Institute, Growth Policy Studies (various papers)

<http://i2i.org/ResearchAreas/Growth/index.htm>

Bell Policy Center (various papers)

<http://www.thebell.org>

State Policy Network

<http://www.spn.org>

Smart Growth Issues

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should Colorado Governments Use the Power of Imminent Domain to Promote Economic Development?

Should cities impose growth management planning?

Should Colorado cities plan for urban renewal projects?
Should local governments use zoning to control economic development?
Should local governments impose limits on employment growth?
Should local governments impose taxes and fees to control development?
Should enterprise zone legislation be modified or repealed

Suggested Readings

Government Publications

Bill Tracking By Subject Area: Economic Development Related Bills,
Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htmSummary

Summary of 2009 Major Legislative Issues: Economic Development, Legislative
Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

George Awuor, Enterprise Zones in Colorado: A Survey of Research, The Bell
Policy Center
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2009/comsched/09Long-TermFiscalStabilityCommsched.html

Colorado Legislative Staff 2008 Legislative Issues Government Local
Urban Renewal Authorities/Downtown Development Authorities
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Staff Land Use and Property Rights Bills 2007
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Legislative Staff, Growth and Land Management Legislation
2003http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2003/research/03GROWTHA_NDLANDMANAGEMENT.htm

Colorado Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives: Small Business Finance
Forum
<http://www.colorado.gov/governor>

Colorado Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives: Keep Colorado Working
<http://www.colorado.gov/governor>

Colorado Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives: Jobs Cabinet
<http://www.colorado.gov/governor>

Office of State Planning and Budgeting, Governor Ritter's Anti-Poverty FY 2008-09 Budget Request

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html

Colorado Legislative Staff Land Use and Property Rights Bills 2007

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Senate, Growth Legislation 2005

http://www.coloradosenate.com/mainlist3.php3?subject_search=%25growth%25

Legislative Staff, Government – Local

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Legislative Staff, Growth and Land Management Legislation 2003

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2003/research/03GROWTHANDLANDMANAGEMENT.htm

Other Publications

Jessica Peck Corry, From New London to Telluride and Beyond, Independence Institute

<http://www.i2i.org>

Independence Institute, Property Rights Project, Legislation

<http://i2i.org>

Jessica Peck Corey, At the Crossroads of Condemnation

http://www.i2i.org/articles/IP_1_2006_b.pdf

Jessica Peck Corry, Tower Tussle: The Colorado Battle Over Extraterritorial Condemnation

<http://i2i.org>

David Loos, One Year Post –Kelo: America's Response

[Blog Archive » ONE YEAR POST-KELO AMERICA'S RESPONSE.htm](#)

Wayne Laugesen, Unstolen: Boulder Weekly on Property Rights

[Blog Archive » Unstolen Boulder Weekly on Property Rights.htm](#)

State Policy Network

<http://www.spn.org>

Randal Otoole, The Planning Penalty

<http://www.i2i.org/articles/3-2006.pdf>

Stephen Hackman, Creating a Housing Crises

<http://i2i.org>

Jennifer Lang, New urban Renewal in Colorado's Front Range

<http://i2i.org>

Kathleen Cologne The Truth About Transit Oriented Development

<http://i2i.org>

Dick Foster, Fort Carson Growth Double Edged

<http://i2i.org>

Transportation Issues

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

- Should the state build more toll roads?
- Should the state convert existing highways into toll roads?
- Should the state use peak load pricing on toll roads?
- Should the state rely more heavily on alternative transportation?
- Should the state raise the sales tax on gasoline?
- Should the state privatize RTD?
- Should the state rely on private construction of toll roads?

Suggested Readings

Government Publications

Summary of 2009 Major Legislative Issues: Transportation, Legislative Council Staff

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Bill Tracking By Subject Area: Transportation Infrastructure-Related Bills, Legislative Council Staff

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives: Transportation Finance and Implementation Panel

<http://www.colorado.gov/governor>

Colorado Legislative Staff Transportation 2008

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Other Publications

Randall Otoole. Web of Deceptions, Independence Institute

<http://www.i2i.org>

Randall Otoole, Why Colorado Should Not Build High-Speed Rail, Independence Institute

<http://www.i2i.org>

Randal Otoole Great Rail Disasters

<http://www.i2i.org/articles/1-2004.pdf>

Randall OToole Rail Disasters 2005

<http://i2i.org>

Randal OToole The Mobility Plan for Denver

<http://i2i.org>

Randall OToole The Full Truth about Fastracks

<http://i2i.org>

Randall OToole, Why Rail When Bus Works Better

<http://i2i.org>

Robert Poole, The Train Drain: Brookings Institution on Rail Transit in America

www.brookings.org

Randal O'Toole, America's greatest Invention

<http://i2i.org>

Mark Hillman, Roads Short Changed in State Budget

<http://i2i.org>

Independence Institute, Colorado Transportation Center (various papers)

<http://i2i.org/cad.aspx>

State Policy Network

<http://www.spn.org>

Water Issues

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should the state plan and implement policies for the interbasin transfer of water?
Should the state facilitate smaller regional agreements for water transfers and storage?
Should Colorado reclaim water now flowing to out of state users?
Should the state create a claim on water resources for environmental and recreational uses?

Suggested Readings

Government Publications

Summary of 2009 Major Legislative Issues: Water, Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Bill Tracking By Subject Area: Water Bills, Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Legislative Staff, Government – Water Legislation 2008
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Legislative Staff, Water Legislation 2007
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Legislative Staff, Government, Water Legislation 2005
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2005/research/05Water.htm

Colorado Senate, Water Legislation 2005
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State Policy Network

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Energy Issues

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should the state mandate the use of alternative fuels in autos?

“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ to generate electricity?

Should oil and gas operators be required to compensate for impacts caused by exploration?

Should the state subsidize research in alternative fuel technology?

Should the state allow local governments to regulate oil and gas activities?

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Environmental Issues

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should the state impose auto emission standards?
Should the state subsidize energy conservation measures?
Should the state subsidize recycling?
Should the state impose restrictions on the emission of greenhouse gases?
Should the state raise the gasoline tax?

Suggested Readings

Government Publications

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The Bighorn Center
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State Policy Network
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Education Issues

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should school districts be required to allocate 65% of operational expenditures to the classroom?

Should school choice be expanded through voucher?

“ “ “ “ “ “ charter schools?

Should tax credits be expanded for donations and expenditures for private schools?

Should the state implement more rigorous testing in the schools?

Should minimum requirements be imposed for high school graduation?

Should the voucher program in higher education be increased and expanded to all post secondary schools?

Should services in education be privatized or contracted out?

Should community colleges and universities be privatized?

Suggested Readings

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Health Care Issues

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Essay Topics

Should SCHIP be reauthorized?

Should the state privatize Medicaid

“ “ “ use health savings accounts in Medicaid?

“ “ “ “ HMOs “ “ ?

Should the state tighten eligibility for Medicaid?

“ “ “ “ auditing of Medicaid bills for fraud and errors?
Should the state mandate that employers offer health insurance to employees?
Should the state join other states in purchasing prescription drugs?
“ “ “ mandate a list of approved drugs for use in Medicaid?
Should the state adopt a single payer system?

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National Center for Policy Analysis

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CATO Foundation

<http://www.cato.org>

Colorado Consumer Health Initiative

<http://cohealthinitiative.org>

Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved

<http://www.coloradohealth.org>

Colorado Trust

<http://www.coloradotrust.org>

Welfare Issues

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should the state impose stricter work requirements for welfare recipients?

“ “ “ “ “ eligibility requirements for “ “?
 “ “ “ “ “ education and training requirements “?
 “ “ “ privatize welfare programs?
 “ “ impose stricter requirements for food stamps ?

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State Policy Network

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Criminal Justice and Corrections Issues

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should the state expand the privatization of prisons?

Should sentencing laws be modified?

Should the parole system be modified?

Should the state offer alternative education and training programs to prisoners and parolees?

Should the state privatize “ “ “ “ “ “ and parolees ?

Should drug sentencing laws be changed?

Should the state eliminate the death penalty?

Should sentencing laws be linked to age and sex?

Suggested Readings

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Labor Issues

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should the state impose a higher minimum wage?

Should workers have the right to a secret ballot to determine union representation?

Should public employees have the right to strike

Should Colorado enact a Right to work Law?

Should Colorado prohibit discrimination on the basis of race and ethnicity in awarding government contracts?

Should Colorado determine the admission of students to institutions of higher education based on race and ethnicity?

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Independence Institute Fiscal Policy Center

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Bighorn Center, Budget Policy

<http://www.coloradobudget.com/>

Immigration Issues

Lecture

Roundtable

Suggested Questions

Should the state restrict government services to illegal immigrants?
Should the state enforce immigration laws?
Should illegal immigrants be able to attend colleges and universities in Colorado?
Should regulations on hiring illegal immigrants be tightened?
Should illegal immigrants be incarcerated?
Should Colorado support a guest worker program?
Should illegal immigrants be granted amnesty?
Should illegal immigrants be given a path to citizenship?

Suggested Readings

Government Publications

Summary of 2009 Major Legislative Issues: Immigration, Legislative Council Staff
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/StaffInfo/geninfo.htm

Colorado Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives: Immigration
<http://www.colorado.gov/governor>

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Referendum #55 Restrictions on Government Services to Illegal Immigrants

<http://www.leg.state.co.us/lcs/0506initrefr.nsf/89fb842d0401c52087256cbc00650696/597b2322acb205618725718600795817?OpenDocument>

Other Publications

Don't Blame High Health Costs on Immigrants, Bell Policy Center

<http://www.thebell.org>

Illegal Aliens Attending Public Institutions of Higher Education

<http://www.i2i.org>

Center for Immigration Studies

<http://www.cis.org/>

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<http://www.cis.org/topics/illegalimmigraion.html>

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