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OUR RESPONSE

Now that you have conducted research and learned more about the policy issue, develop a coherent strategy as to how government could best respond to the problem addressed by this issue. You will share this strategy with the rest of the class in the next part of this lesson.

Here's an example:

Policy Issue: How can we make sure that television and radio stations remain appropriate for audiences of all ages when producers of programs increasingly seek to make these programs more adult oriented?

Strategy: Require television and radio stations to remain appropriate for all audiences during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Between the hours of 10:01 p.m. and 6:59 a.m., more adult-oriented programs can be aired.

Why will this work? Children should be sleeping between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Consequently, program producers should have more leeway in what they produce.

What problems might occur with this strategy? Unless the policy is very specific about the meanings of “appropriate for audiences of all ages” and “more adult oriented,” there might be disputes between those responsible for enforcing the policies and program producers.

Strategy:

Why do you think that this strategy will work?

What problems do you think might occur when implementing this strategy?
