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**Government Budget Simulation**

**Task:** Help pass a government budget that helps reduce government debt and promotes your priorities to help your reelection to congress.

* If the congress fails to pass a budget, the government will shutdown and voters will be unhappy with everyone.
* Passing a budget requires 51% of the room to vote for it.

**Priorities:** Select three (3) priorities from list provided and record them below. For each priority, identify specific changes in taxes and spending in the budget that will help achieve this goal.

1. **Priority 1**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**How this will be achieved (what specific budget items should be adjusted?)**










1. **Priority 2**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**How this will be achieved (what specific budget items should be adjusted?)**










1. **Priority 3**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**How this will be achieved (what specific budget items should be adjusted?)**











**Winning and losing**: You were elected on the promise of the things above. If you successfully help pass a budget with your priorities in it, you win reelection. If not, you are looking for a new job.

**Economics arguments:** For each priority you have chosen, build an economic argument for why it should be prioritized in the budget. To do this, think about how each will help achieve the country’s macroeconomic goals.

* Will this help create jobs?
* Will this help control inflation?
* Will this help the economy grow?
* Does it target a specific group that is in need of help?
* Will this help solve our government debt?

**Priority 1:**

**Priority 2:**

**Priority 3:**