

MINI-GAME (TOPIC 8)

MINI-GAME: CLIMATE COUNCIL

This mini-game offers a simplified model of the complexities involved in climate change negotiations, highlighting the importance of understanding various perspectives, the art of compromise, and the challenge of finding equitable solutions.

Objective: To successfully navigate and resolve a climate change dispute through negotiation and compromise, while balancing economic, environmental, and social considerations.

Setup: You are a member of the Climate Council, a fictional international body dedicated to resolving climate change disputes. Your task is to negotiate a resolution to a dispute between two parties: the industrial nation of Industria and the island nation of Isle Verde.

Background:

- Industria has historically contributed significantly to greenhouse gas emissions due to its reliance on fossil fuels for economic growth.
- Isle Verde is experiencing severe impacts from climate change, including rising sea levels and extreme weather events, threatening its very existence.

Game Play:

Step 1: Opening Statements

- Industria argues that immediate drastic reductions in emissions will harm its economy and the livelihoods of its citizens.
- Isle Verde demands significant emissions reductions and financial compensation for the damage already suffered.

Choose Your Initial Approach: A) Side with Industria, focusing on economic stability. B) Side with Isle Verde, prioritizing climate justice. C) Seek a middle ground, emphasizing the need for compromise.

Step 2: Negotiation Rounds Based on your initial approach, you'll enter negotiations. Each round, you'll choose strategies to persuade both parties towards a resolution.

Round 1: Proposal Presentation

- Propose an emissions reduction timeline.
- Discuss financial mechanisms for compensation and support.

Choose Your Proposal: A) Aggressive emissions reduction with high compensation. B) Moderate emissions reduction with moderate compensation. C) Minimal emissions reduction with low compensation.

Round 2: Reactions and Counterproposals

- Each party reacts to your proposal, offering counterproposals.

- You must address their concerns and adjust your strategy accordingly.

Choose Your Reaction: A) Adjust the proposal to lean more towards Industria's preferences. B) Adjust the proposal to favor Isle Verde's demands. C) Reiterate the need for a balanced approach and seek a compromise.

Step 3: Final Agreement

- Based on the negotiations, draft a final agreement that attempts to meet the most critical needs of both parties.

Outcome:

- Your success is measured by how well you balanced economic, environmental, and social considerations, and whether both parties accepted the final agreement.

Reflection:

After the game, reflect on the decisions made and their impacts. Discuss what compromises were necessary and how different strategies might have led to different outcomes.

Debrief Questions:

1. Which decisions were the most challenging to make, and why?
2. How did the chosen approach affect the negotiation process?
3. What real-world lessons can be learned from this simulation about climate change dispute resolution?