

SMALL GROUP EXERCISE

COMPARING POVERTY THEORIES/STRATEGIES

1. Form small groups of X people in each group.
2. Each group member gets a “Worksheet.” Each person should make notes on the worksheet as he/she reads the report. (You may not be able to answer every question.)
3. The purpose of the worksheet is to help you (a) get beyond the printed words to identify the assumptions underlying their idea(s), and (b) find common elements to the theories and/or strategies they are presenting, i.e.” they all require action by the Federal government.”
4. Some reports have many theories and strategies. Focus on one or two or three that interest you.
5. Distribute the reports from the national organizations.
6. Take 15 minutes to quietly read the assigned report and make notes on your worksheet as you go.
7. Select a reporter who will give a short summary about your findings to the large group.
8. Discuss the study as a small group.
9. The reporter will SUMMARIZE some of the key points with the large group.
10. Reporter, please circulate a sheet for people to PRINT their names and email address.