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Homework Assignment # 1

Visit the Influencing State Policy (ISP) web site (www.statepolicy.org) to complete this assignment. Answer the following questions:

1. What is the mission of ISP?

2. When does New York State Governor Pataki's term in office end?

3. What is Governor Pataki's annual salary?

4. In 1996, what was the dollar amount of public spending, per-inmate, in New York State prisons?

5. In 1999, what was the rate of violent crime, per 100,000 residents, in New York State?
 - a. Did this number increase or decrease since 1997?

Increase Decrease

6. In the year 2000 what was the New York State median household income?

7. In the year 1999 what percentage of people in New York State were living in poverty?

a. Did this number increase or decrease since 1997?

Increase

Decrease

8. What were the year 2000 New York State population rates for each of the following?

a. American Indian Eskimo and Aleut _____

b. Asian and Pacific Islander _____

c. Black _____

d. Hispanic _____

e. White _____

f. Multiracial _____

9. Does New York State have capital punishment at this time? Yes No

10. How many executions have occurred since 1976?

11. How many Democrats/Republicans are in the:

a. House Democrats _____ Republicans _____

b. Senate Democrats _____ Senate _____

12. List 3 links to Welfare Reform related information:

13. Who is the faculty liaison to the York College Social Work Program for ISP?