

ECNS 432  
Fall 2020  
Writing Assignment #1

**Format requirements:**

- 1-2 pages max
- Times New Roman, Size 12 font
- Double-spaced
- Any citations must be included in a separate references page that will not count towards your page total

**Assignment:** Consider the various social choice mechanisms discussed in Chapter 2. I want you to identify a policy/law in the United States that was passed by popular vote. This can be anything from a local ordinance to a federal policy. Using the principles we have discussed so far in class, I want you to argue whether or not you think this policy would have been passed had policymakers used the Compensation Principle as their social choice mechanism, rather than putting it to a unanimous vote.

**Due date:** Due to me via email no later than 9:00am next Tuesday (9/1)