

## Implications of an Issue

**Political:** Politics is about power and control. Any organization (e.g., a government or multi-national corporation) that designs, administers, and makes judgments about rules or control, has power. When there are global problems, it is necessary to identify who controls the situation. However, when there is no clear controlling power, solutions become more complex.

**Environmental:** Environmental features are those that impact both the natural environment (e.g., a rain forest) and the environment within which people interact with nature (e.g., a village or city). Environmental considerations can either be localized (such as a water shortage in a village in India) or they can be global (such as the impact of global warming on Earth's oceans).

**Social:** Social factors are those having to do with interpersonal relations or relations among communities, and include cultural factors. 'Culture' describes the customs, values, and other forms of human endeavour characteristic of a particular community. Our lifestyles – the way we work, the way we learn, what we eat, where we live, what we do in our free time, the way we dress, the music we listen to, and even the way we relate to our friends and families – are part of our culture and our social systems.

**Economic:** In discussing economic impact, we should consider an issue's financial costs – the cost of having the problem in the first place and the cost of its remedy – and the financial benefits resulting from proposed solutions.

# Issue Organizer

**Issue:**

Concern:

Causes:

Implications:

Political

Environmental

Social

Economic

Possible Solutions:

