

## **Handout: Evaluating laws**

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
What is the problem this piece of legislation is trying to solve? Can you think of a scenario in which a citizen would approach a lawmaker?	
2. Is the law fair? Why or why not?	
<ul> <li>Does it discriminate unjustly against any group or person?</li> <li>Is the punishment cruel or unjust?</li> <li>Does it violate any other rights? Identify which ones.</li> </ul>	
3. What are the law's strengths and weaknesses?	
4. Is the law necessary or are there better ways to accomplish the same purpose?	
5. Is the law unconstitutional? Why or why not? Cite specific provisions of the U.S. Constitution that it may violate.	