

Global Politics IA - Access, Ethics and Contingency Plan

Secure safe, ethical and analytically useful engagement before formal contact.

Engagement access plan

Planned activity	Access route and deadline	Equivalent backup

Participant protection

Check	Arrangement
Purpose and voluntary participation explained	
Consent for notes, recording and quotation	
Anonymity or attribution preference	
Right to decline questions or withdraw	
Participants debriefed and allowed to withdraw their data	
No participants under 12; written parent or guardian consent for ages 12 to 16	
Secure storage, access and deletion date	
Safeguarding and teacher approval	

Risk and neutrality assessment

Risk	Likelihood and impact	Mitigation or stop condition
Physical or travel safety		
Political sensitivity or retaliation		
Privacy or unnecessary personal data		
Perceived school endorsement or partisanship		
Participant power imbalance or coercion		

Decision points

Trigger	Action
No response by the access deadline	Activate the equivalent backup rather than pressuring the participant.
Consent is incomplete or withdrawn	Do not use the affected evidence and update the evidence plan.
The activity becomes unsafe or politically inappropriate	Stop, inform the teacher and redesign the engagement.
Access becomes one-sided	Seek a contrasting role or narrow the conclusion to the available perspectives.

Academic integrity gate

Do not falsify or invent data. Guarantee anonymity unless explicit permission is given. Delete online data when the research is complete. If a family member or relative is used, declare it. Keep CAS and assessed engagement distinct.

Teacher approval

Decision	Required safeguards or revisions	Date