

Team Members' Names \_\_\_\_\_

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## Get The Minister Up to Speed

(5% of your total mark in this course)

Yesterday the Minister for whom you work was forced to quit their post after having admitted serious ethical violations. The new Minister appointed by the PM hasn't really worked in this area before and needs to be brought up to speed on the theoretical underpinnings of the various social problems she'll be encountering as Minister. Your team will be assigned a theory from Chapter 1 in your textbook, and you will answer the following questions. Your answers will be compiled along with the other groups' in to a briefing book for the Minister to study. We need to get her up to speed ASAP! Are you ready to help?

1. What theory were you assigned to investigate?
2. Can you summarize this theory in to three sentences or less for the minister?
3. Is there a researcher or author who is most known for creating or promoting this theory?
4. Can you think of a social problem and how this theory might try to explain the causes of that problem?
5. Is there anything about this theoretical perspective that could be problematic if applied inappropriately?