



?? Identify the Problem

Worksheet – Develop a Problem Statement

This is a key aspect of Sun Tzu’s strategy development regarding “Know Yourself”.

What problem or issue is important for you to address?

It is very important to define as clearly as possible the **human rights issue or problem on which YOU want to focus**. It is difficult to create a plan to take action to address a broad overarching issue. It is necessary to narrow the focus and choose a place to begin an effort.

Example to reach a clear and specific problem statement:

1. Discrimination is a problem but this is not a clear or specific statement of a problem that can be addressed.

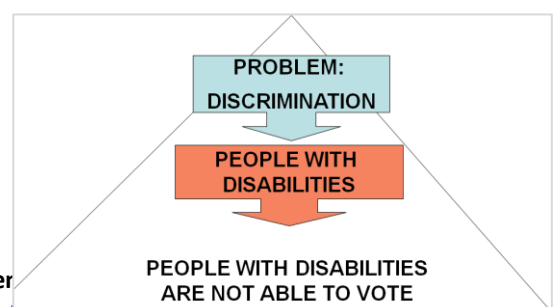


If an issue of discrimination is one of your issues, how might you make your problem statement more specific?

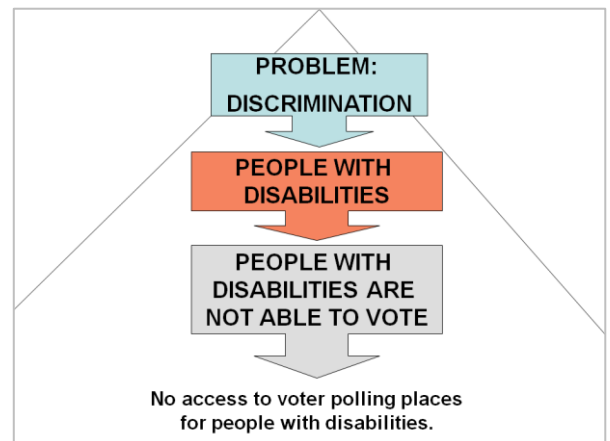
2. This problem statement helps us to understand **who** is being discriminated against – people with disabilities, but we need to be more specific.



3. This problem helps us to understand who is being discriminated against – people with disabilities – and in what way, not able to vote. But we still need to be more specific.

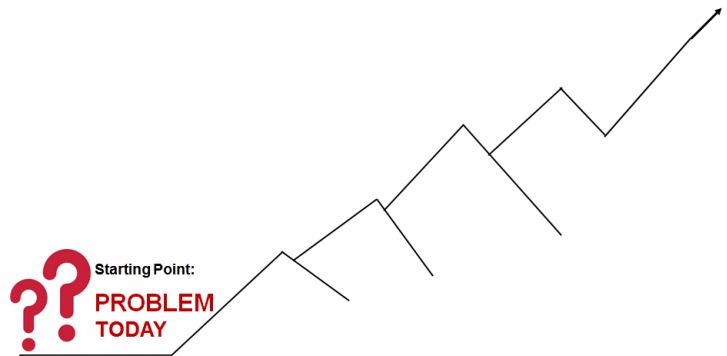


4. This problem statement helps us to understand:
- who is being discriminated against: people with disabilities
 - what right is being violated: **right to vote** (a right to participate in governance); and
 - how the discrimination is taking place – no access to polling places.



A more specific problem statement provides a place to start:

Step 1: Identify the Problem



Demonstrate how your group came to a clear and specific problem statement.

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- FINAL PROBLEM STATEMENT

