

Mapping social problems

“A social problem is any condition or behaviour that has negative consequences for large numbers of people and that is generally recognized as a condition or behaviour that needs to be addressed”

Why can you label this condition a social problem? Will everyone agree with you?	
How can you prove that this problem exists? (facts and data)	
What negative consequences does it have for which social groups? Who is effected directly and who indirectly?	
What are the root causes of this problem?	
What are the contributing factors?	
Where does this problem exist geographically? Is it transnational?	

Is it growing in scope? Why?	
How has it been addressed thus far?	
Who has the power to solve this problem?	
Who can significantly contribute to creating a solution? Who has great expertise in matters related to this problem?	
Who's interests are at risk from solving this problem?	
What ideas do you have for potential short-term solutions?	
What ideas do you have for systemic long-term solutions?	