

Topics for Discussion in Gothenburg, Sweden

1) Why are we taking this class?

Why are we travelling to Scandinavia?

What do we hope to gain from this visit?

Why are we concerned as Americans?

Student presenters: Michal Wilczewski, Jessica Wallace, Katie McNeill, Stacey Engster

2) U.S. diversity

People, ethnicity

Geography – Pacific NW, SW, NE, Midwest, plains, south

Natural resources – coal is cheap and readily available

Needs vary in different regions

2.5) Life in USA, Philadelphia

Perception of Americans

Education system

Emphasis on climate and energy issues

Infrastructure – highways, rail, inexpensive gasoline

Student presenters: Valerie Ciaramella, Madeline Wedge, Christa Dominick, Chris Materia, Mike Zdradzinski, Sarah Jancuska

3) Energy Policy

U.S. Energy Policy in the past administration

Obama's energy policy and priorities

Environmental Protection Agency – Director

Secretary of Energy

Science Advisor

Student presenters: Liz Cerkez, Kelly Jones, Sarah Branson, Pamela Woodward

4) Energy use in USA

% Fossil fuels / renewable / nuclear

Reliance on foreign oil

Lobbies in government

Gasoline

Opportunities / outlook for growth in development and implementation of renewable energies

Student presenters: Steve Fredericks, Andrea DiMaio, Steve Lamonte, Andrew North

5) American Industry

The effects of the economy

Efficiency standards

Auto industry (specifically)

Research and Development

Student presenters: TJ Herrle, Doug Phelan