

- b. Americans who are self-employed are inadequately covered by an employment-based health insurance system.*

*Contention III: National health insurance will provide access to health care for millions of Americans.*

- a. National health insurance is the most equitable approach.*
- b. National health insurance best assures quality health care.*

A *comparative advantage* case is a superior design for a policy-making paradigm. This case structure can also be managed in such a way that it addresses the concerns of a stock issues judge. There is no rule concerning how many advantages are required in a comparative advantage case—sometimes there is only one advantage. Somewhere within the case structure the three stock issues of significance of harm, inherency, and solvency are addressed. The order in which they are addressed is unimportant so long as they are present.

*Plan: The United States will change its immigration policy with respect to Mexican-American immigrants in the following ways: (1) All Mexican-Americans who can prove that they have been present in the United States for a period of five years will be granted amnesty; (2) The U.S. Department of Labor will establish a guest worker program designed to register Mexican-Americans who are eligible to work in the United States; (3) Social services will be provided to Mexican-American immigrants with funding to be derived from a tax on wages for registered guest workers.*

*Observation: The present law enforcement approach to immigration control is unworkable.*

- a. The construction of a border fence is a failed policy.*
- b. The heavy demand for immigrant workers makes the present system unsustainable.*

*Advantage I: Amnesty will best protect America against international terrorism.*

- a. There are huge numbers of illegal immigrants living in the United States.*
- b. Terrorists can easily hide among the millions of undocumented immigrants.*
- c. Amnesty best allows for the documentation and registration of immigrants.*

*Advantage II: A guest worker program will improve the health of the U.S. economy.*

- a. There is a growing labor shortage in the U.S.*
- b. U.S. citizens are unwilling to perform many of the jobs for which guest workers are needed.*
- c. A guest worker program will improve the health of the American economy while meeting the needs of Mexican-American immigrants.*

A third affirmative case structure is a *goals/criteria case*. This type of case works well when the affirmative team believes it can prove that some well-accepted goal would