

Econ 230B

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Referee Report Assignment

Pick ONE of the two papers posted online and write a referee report for this paper assuming that the paper has been submitted to the *Journal of Public Economics*, which is the premier journal in the field of public economics.

A referee report includes two items:

1) A anonymous report which briefly summarizes the key contributions of the paper and then discusses constructively the main issues with the paper (why some assumptions or arguments are not convincing or clearly presented, how the paper could be improved). The length of this report should be between 2 or 3 pages of typed text, 12 pt font, and 1.5 line spacing.

2) A letter to the editor with a recommendation on whether the paper should be published. The recommendation should be briefly justified (the length of the letter should be between 10 and 15 lines of typed text).