Rating Potential Solutions

While working with your partners to select the best solutions for the global challenge or controversial issue that we are studying in class, you'll need a way to come to consensus with one another. Use the following rating scale to start conversations about each of the potential solutions that you are considering.

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Rating	**Description**
5	***This is a solution I believe in:*** It will be easy to implement by individuals, cities, states and/or nations and its costs won't scare people away. Better yet, this solution has no natural opponents or likely enemies. It's an idea that everyone can support. It's also a solution that I know can succeed—either because it has already been implemented successfully or because the potential barriers to the solution are simple to overcome. ***I'm ready to recommend this solution to anyone and I know it's going to work!***
4	***This solution has phenomenal potential***: The barriers to implementing this solution seem relatively simple to overcome and there are no natural opponents or likely enemies to our idea. What's more, the costs for this solution are not extraordinary. The only thing that causes me to hesitate is that this solution has never been implemented successfully before—which means that there are no guarantees that our idea will work! ***I've got enough confidence in this solution to recommend it, however. Let's get started.***
3	***I'm not totally convinced about this solution yet:*** While there are some real strengths to pursuing this idea, there are also some real risks that I'm not sure can be resolved easily. We might be recommending an idea that is impossible to pull off because of the costs attached or because the barriers to success are too high. We might also be recommending an idea that people won't support. ***I'll need more evidence before I'm willing to recommend this solution to others.***
2	***I've got serious doubts about this solution:*** Sitting here right now, I couldn't recommend this solution to others. There are too many risks and too few rewards. This solution might be too costly and/or too impossible to really pull off. What's more, there are probably going to be a bunch of people opposed to this solution, and without support, it's never going to get off the ground. Worse yet, I don't think this solution will be ready in time to solve the problem we're trying to address. ***I'll move forward with this solution, but only with caution and only after doing a lot more research.***
1	***This solution seems like a really bad idea:*** Our idea has never been tried before by anyone. What's more, there are really obvious barriers that we're going to have to overcome if our solution is going to succeed—and I don't think it's possible to overcome those barriers. To work, someone is going to have to invest tons of time, energy and money into our solution, and time, energy and money are always hard to come by. What's worse is that I'm pretty sure our solution will create a whole new set of problems! ***I don't think I'm willing to move forward with this solution at all.***
0	***This solution will never work:*** I can't believe that we're even considering this solution. There is tons of evidence to prove that this idea is too expensive or too impractical to even work. There are open enemies that we will need to convince before we'll even come close to getting others to believe in our solution—and even then, I'm pretty sure that this solution will fail. ***There is no sense in even considering this solution.***