Exploring Governmental Budgeting Online Assignment Sheets

Federal Government

After a general review of the federal government's website, search for available information about the federal budget. Respond to the following questions in your own words.

1. What are the major issues discussed in the budget message?

2. What is the scope of information (e.g., types of information, level of detail, and breadth of coverage regarding federal operations) on the website that relates to the overall budget?

Department or Agency	
URL	

3. Choose and locate a specific federal agency or department of interest. Please note the department or agency as well and the URL above. Please describe the budget information available about the agency or department with specific details in your words.

4. What is your critique of the federal government's attempt to disclose budget information from an interested citizen's perspective?

State Govern	men	t				
State Name						
URL						
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After a general review of your state's website, search for available information about your state's budget. Note your state's name and URL above, and respond to the following questions in your own words.

1. What are the major issues discussed in the budget message or overview?

2. What is the scope of state budget information (e.g., types of information, level of detail, and breadth of coverage regarding state operations) on the website that relates to the overall budget?

Department or Agency	
URL	
1 0	ncy or department of interest in your state govern- ency as well as the URL above. Please respond to the words.

3. Describe the budget information available about that agency or department with specific details in your words.

4. What is your critique of the jurisdiction's attempt to disclose budget information from an interested citizen's perspective?

Local (County Le	evel) Government	
Name and type of	of local jurisdiction	
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URL		

After a general review of your county, borough, or parish's website, search for available budget information about the jurisdiction. Note the name of your local governing body and URL above. Please respond to the following questions in your own words.

1. What are the major issues discussed in the budget message or overview?

2. What is the scope of the jurisdiction's budget information (e.g., types of information, level of detail, and breadth of coverage regarding the jurisdiction's operations) on the website that relates to the overall budget?

Department or Agency	
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ment. Note the department or agency as well and the URL above. Please respond to the following questions in your own words.

3. Describe the budget information available about that agency or department with specific details in your words.

4. What is your critique of the jurisdiction's attempt to disclose budget information from an interested citizen's perspective?

City Government	
State Name	
URL	

After a general review of your city government's website, search for available information about your city's budget. Note your city's name and URL above and respond to the following questions in your own words.

1. What are the major issues discussed in the budget message or overview?

2. What is the scope of the jurisdiction's budget information (e.g., types of information, level of detail, and breadth of coverage regarding the jurisdiction's operations) on the website that relates to the overall budget?

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Debriefing Analysis and Discussion

1. Based on your review of the four government levels, compare and contrast what you found most useful and most in need of improvement about the online budget information from an interested citizen's perspective.
2. If you assume that your boss assigned you to perform a detailed analysis of one of these jurisdiction's budgets, what additional information would you seek for each jurisdiction and why?
Federal Government
State Government

	Local Government
	City Government
3.	What do you see as the challenges and opportunities of Internet-based governmental budgeting information?