

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

1. Do you think Paulson and the U.S. Treasury should have the freedom to use the rescue plan money as they see fit, or should Congress have to approve changes? Why?

2. Does the government's new strategy of buying shares of banks, giving the government partial ownership, go against the idea of a free market system? Why or why not?

3. Do you think the auto industry should receive rescue money too? What are the pros and cons of helping bailout these car-making companies?

4. Compare the U.S. financial rescue plan and China's plan. Which do you think will be more effective? Why?

Extension Activity

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.