

AP US Government-- Interest Groups

Chapter 11: Interest Groups Big Picture Questions/Major Concepts

1. Compare the goals and activities of interest groups and political parties.
2. Why does the United States have so many interest groups?
3. Compare the agenda/goals of the following categories of interest groups
 - a. Economic interest groups, including labor unions
 - b. Social action and equality groups
 - c. Public interest groups
4. What types of activities do lobbyists and interest groups engage in to influence policymaking?

Key Terms

1. AARP
2. American Civil Liberties Union
3. American-Israel Public Affairs Committee
4. AFL-CIO
5. Common Cause
6. Congressional hearing
7. electioneering
8. *Federalist* #10
9. Heritage Foundation
10. Interest group a.k.a. “lobbies”
11. litigate
12. Lobbyist
13. League of United Latin American Citizens
14. NAACP
15. National Rifle Association
16. National Right to Life Committee
17. National Organization for Women
18. Policy entrepreneur
19. Sierra Club
20. 501 (c) group
21. 527 group
22. Political action committees (PACs)
23. Pollster
24. Presidential primary
25. Press secretary
26. Soft money