

1. Discuss the four reasons identified by the authors for why interest groups are so common in this country.

2. Explain how government policy contributed to the rise of interest groups since the 1960s.

3. Identify some of the defining characteristics of institutional and membership interests.

4. Identify and explain the three types of incentives which mass-membership organizations offer.

5. Describe the three types of feminist organizations.

6. Discuss the rise and fall of the union movement with attention given to causes of decline and recent trends in union membership.

7. Why are federal grants and contracts a topic of interest in relation to interest groups and how have recent administrations attempted to affect the relationship between them?