

## Unit 2: Linkage Institutions (Parties, Interest Groups, Media)

### Topic 2: Interest Groups

#### What do interest groups want and how do they get it?

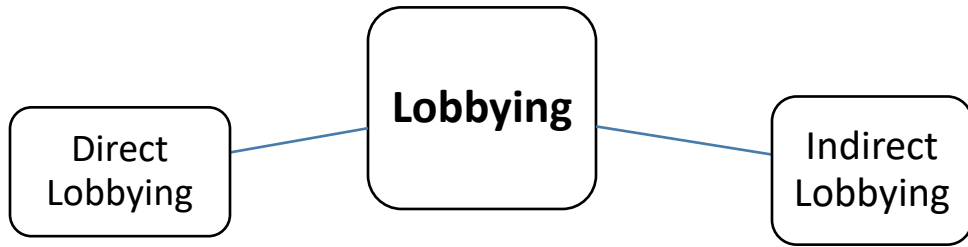
With your group, brainstorm as many interest groups as you can:	
In general, what do ALL of these groups want to accomplish?	<b>INTEREST GROUPS:</b>
Look at your list and a neighboring group's list – can you group them into categories?	

#### Three main types of interest groups in the U.S.:

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#### Activities Interest Groups DO to get what they want:

For Members:	Influence _____
Influence _____	Influence _____



In what ways are interest groups good, or helpful in our political system?	In what ways might interest groups be bad, or harmful, in our political system?
Like them or not, what protects the right of citizens (and interest groups) to do all these activities to influence government?	

### Compare and Contrast Political Parties and Interest Groups

