POLS 1101 - Writing and Oral Assignment  
50 Points

Interest Group Assignment, Web Class, Spring 2021

1. Pick one of the interest groups listed below.  You are free pick another group if you have a different choice. You must POST your selected choice under the Discussions section of your D2L class and under “Name Your IG Here.” No person may chose the same IG, so please choose as soon as possible.
2. Go to that group’s web site.  Also, go to News Google and search for information on your group.  That will help you find what issues they’ve been involved in recently.  With this information, answer the following. Make sure you address each part of the question.
   1. What are the issues your group is concerned with?
   2. What are some examples of legislation your group supports or opposes?
   3. What actions does your group take to try to influence policy and the public agenda?  Give specific examples: (e.g. use of the media, law suits, direct lobbying, public information contributions, etc.)
   4. What is the group’s political ideology?  Does it favor one political party over the other?
   5. If so, does it have a history of supporting certain political candidates?  What is it doing to support their favored candidates?  Make the connection between their political ideology, the legislation they support, and the party they support. If you think your group is absolutely neutral, say so.  Many interest groups are neutral.
   6. Assess your group:  How successful is your group? What are its strengths and weaknesses?  How effective is it in achieving its agenda?  Back up what you say with at least one specific example demonstrating their effectiveness or lack thereof.  
        
      3. You will then put all this information in a Power Point. Be sure to be thorough and comprehensive. You will post your Power Point project in D2L under the Discussions section, and under the “Post IG Projects Here” link in D2L. The due date for submissions is **Friday, April 2nd, 2021, 12n.**
3. You will then present your interest group findings orally online via ZOOM. The Oral Presentations will be assigned for the Week of Monday, **May 3rd, 2021.**

[The Fortune Power 25: Top 25 Lobbying Groups](http://www.fortune.com/lists/power25/index.html) (All listed are linked to their webpage for further information)

[AARP](http://www.aarp.org/)

[ACLU](http://www.aclu.org/)

[AFL-CIO](http://www.aflcio.org/home.htm)

[American Bar Association](http://www.abanet.org/)

[American Conservative Union](http://www.conservative.org/)

[American Farm Bureau](http://www.fb.com/)

[American Israel Public Affairs Committee](http://www.aipac.org/)

[American Medical Association](http://www.ama-assn.org/)

[Americans for Democratic Action](http://adaction.org/)

[Association of Trial Lawyers of America](http://atla.org/)

[The Business Roundtable](http://www.brtable.org/)

[Center for Equal Opportunity](http://ceousa.org/)

[Christian Coalition](http://www.cc.org/)

[Club For Growth](http://clubforgrowth.org/)

[Council on American-Islamic Relations](http://www.cair-net.org/)

[Eagle Forum](http://eagleforum.org/)

[Emily's List](http://www.emilyslist.org/)

[Environmental Defense Fund](http://www.environmentaldefense.org/home.cfm)

[Green Peace](http://greenpeaceusa.org/)

[Handgun Control, Inc](http://www.handguncontrol.org/)

[Independent Women's Forum](http://iwf.org/)

[NAACP](http://www.naacp.org/)

[NARAL](http://naral.org/) (Pro Choice America)

[National Association of Manufacturers](http://www.nam.org/)

[National Organization for Women](http://www.now.org/)

[National Resources Defense Council](http://nrdc.org/)

[National Right to Life](http://www.nrlc.org/)

[NEA](http://nea.org/) (National Education Association)

[NRA](http://www.nra.org/) (National Rifle Association)

[PETA](http://peta.org/) (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals)

[Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America](http://www.phrma.org/)

[Public Citizen](http://www.publiccitizen.org./)

[Sierra Club](http://www.sierraclub.org/) (Environment)

[U.S. Chamber of Commerce](http://www.uschamber.org/default.htm)

[Veterans of Foreign Wars](http://www.vfw.org/)