Interest Groups

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Interest Groups and the Pluralist Model of Democracy

Basic Assumption of Pluralism:

Do you agree with these assumptions?
3 Categories of Interest Groups

Economic interest groups –
- AMA, National Association of Realtors

Citizen activist groups
- Public interest groups
- Single issue groups
- Advocacy groups

Government-related interest groups -
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- Why are there so many interest groups?
- What do interest groups do?
- What gives interest groups their power?
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- Interest Groups and the "Iron Triangle"

- Interest Groups and Democracy
  - How good is the fit?