

# Interest Groups... Who will get your rose?









#### Task:

You are a leader of an American interest group. Your task is to research your interest group (you will produce a dating profile that will be graded), and seek potential matches {interest groups} with whom you have similar goals (lobbying, litigation, legislation, electioneering). You want to find other interest groups that you "match" with so you can be a coalition and have more influence!



### Nametag

- Name & nickname/tagline (classroom appropriate)
- Label- How would you label your IG?





## Step 1: Where to start: The interest group's website, Opensecrets.org, Other scholarly sites for your Interest group and include them on your dating profile under "OTHER".

- -You need to be able to answer the following:
- 1) What are the goals of your interest group?
- 2) How do you best achieve your goals: lobbying, litigation, legislation, electioneering?
- 3) What success(s) and/or failure(s) does your group have in the public policy arena? If you have been successful getting major legislation passed (or blocked), describe this victory. If you have been successful using litigation to achieve your goals, describe a successful court case. If you have been successful electioneering, discuss how you achieved this victory.
- 4) How much money does your interest group have and how is the money used?
- 5) Include a quotation to best describe your interest group.
- 6) What type of Interest group? What ideology is your interest group?
- 7) An appropriate 'limo entrance' pick up line to intro your interest group leader/organization.



### Step 2:

STEP 2: Create a DATING PROFILE
Use the template to create a dating profile for
your interest group. Make the profile match
your Interest Group's personality. Be sure to
include all the required information (see rubric
and template to help).

### December 7(Silver)/8(Blue): You will experience the

Bachelor/ette journey through a mocktail party and group date. You will be sharing your story and listening to the story of other interest group leaders. During your dating rounds, make sure to take notes and decide which interest groups best help/support your agenda... so you can find your best "match"!

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Requirement	5-Exemplary	4-Proficient	3-Developing
Prep/ Research	Used required sites; included all aspects of research on interest groups; exhibits thorough understanding of IG	Use some sites; included most aspects of research on IG; exhibits clear understanding of IG	Use one reliable source; some aspects of research included; minimal understanding of IG
Role Play	Clear knowledge and understanding of the role of interest groups and electoral pressure from constituencies; decisions and debate incorporate a clear understanding of the influence of outside forces on legislators' actions.	Some understanding of the role of interest groups and electoral pressure from constituencies; some understanding of influence of outside forces on legislators' actions.	Little understanding of the role of interest groups and electoral pressure from constituencies; does not fully engage in sharing and receiving of information
Proposal/ Reflection	Thorough reflection: shows thorough understanding of topic, takes a clear position based on evidence from research and simulation.	Good reflection; shows clear understanding of topic, takes a position based on evidence from research and simulation.	Some reflection; shows little understanding of topic; uses little evidence from research and simulation

**Americans for Prosperity American Association of Retired Persons American Bar Association American Civil Liberties** Union American Federation of **Labor- Congress of Industrial Organizations American Medical Association Black Lives Matter Chamber of Commerce** Children's Defense Fund **Club for Growth** 

**Environmental Defense Fund Everytown for Gun Safety** Fraternal Order of Police Greenpeace League of Women Voters **Mothers Against Drunk** Driving MoveOn.Org **National Abortion Rights Action League** National Association for the **Advancement of Colored People National Education Association** 

**National Right to Life** Committee **National Organization of** Women **National Rifle Association National Trust for Historic** Preservation People for the Ethical **Treatment of Animals Service Employees International Union** Sierra Club **United Auto Workers United Farm Workers of America** 



IG Selection & Work Time Only one pair per interest group. Remainder of class is work time and finish for homework.