

POLITICAL PARTY/ INTEREST GROUP REVIEW

Interest groups seek to influence political processes in ways that benefit their members. However, they may not act in the overall public interest. Consider iron triangles, Amicus curiae briefs, The media, Pluralism and Eliteism

Different interest groups will choose different techniques to achieve their goal base on their resources. Describe the techniques use by interest group and why they would choose to use them. Consider lobbying, electioneering, litigation and mass mobilization

How do political parties practice coalition formation and capture discontented group while holding unto their political base.

Discuss the meaning and function of a political party

Terms

Party Competition
Political Party
Linkage institutions
Party image
Rational Choice Theory
Party identification
Ticket splitting
Party machine
Patronage
Closed primaries
Open primaries
Blanket primaries
National convention
National committee
National chairperson
Coalition
Party era
Critical election
Party realignment
New Deal Coalition
Party dealignment
Party neutrality
Third party
Winner- take- all-system
Proportional representation
Coalition government
Responsible party model
pluralist theory
interest group

elite theory

hyperpluralist theory

subgovernments

potential group

actual group

collective good

free-rider problem

Olson's law of large groups

Selective benefits

single-issue group

lobbying

electioneering

Political Action Committees

amicus curiae briefs

class action lawsuits

union shops

right-to-work laws

public interest lobbies