The Nature of Interest Groups

A. What Is an Interest Group,

1. Private organization

2. Pluralistic

3. Political Parties and Interest Groups--

B. Interest Groups: Good or Bad

1. Functions--

2. Criticisms--
Types of Interest Groups

A. An American Tradition
   1. Numbers--
   2. Interests--
   3. Membership--

B. Groups Based on Economic Interests
   1. Business Groups--
   2. Labor Groups--
   3. Agricultural Groups--
   4. Professional Groups--

C. The Maze of Other Groups
   1. Promote Causes--
   2. Promote the Welfare of Certain Groups--
   3. Religious Organizations--
   4. Public-Interest Groups--
Interest Groups at Work

A. Interest Groups and Public Opinion
   1. Force
   2. Information
   3. Propaganda

B. Interest Groups, Parties, and Elections
   1. Influence
   2. Interests

C. Lobbying
   1. The Work of the Lobbyist
   2. Lobby Regulation