US/AZ Government Unit 3-Interest Groups

Watch the Interest Group video and answer the following questions using specific examples from the video.

Understanding Interest Groups in American Politics

- 1. Explain what interest groups are and how they influence American politics according to the video.
- 2. Discuss the role of interest groups in shaping policies and providing information to elected officials.
- 3. Why do some argue that interest groups diminish American democracy? Provide examples to support your answer.
- 4. Compare and contrast the viewpoints presented by the "clone with a tie" and "clone without a tie" regarding the influence of interest groups on American democracy.
- 5. How does the concept of pluralism relate to the role of interest groups in the political system as discussed in the video?