

Interest Group Research

Research:

- What is your interest group?
- When was it founded, where, and by whom? (You should be able find all of this information on the IG's website. If one element is missing, document what is available. Show due diligence.)
- What type of group is it (i.e., and environmental group, single-issue, public-interest, business, labor, etc.)?
- Explain what the overall purpose and/or mission statement of the group.
- What specific issues does it support? How does it justify (i.e., defend) that position? Highlight at least 2 issues.
- What specific issues does it oppose? How does it justify (i.e., defend) that position? Highlight at least 2 issues.
- What is the most recent piece of legislation the group has supported or opposed (pick which is more easily accessible)? If no legislation is available, identify any other recent and specific political action it has engaged in (e.g., protest, letter writing initiatives to legislators, community action of some sort, etc.).
- What candidates has it supported recently/past (presidential or congressional) and why do you think that's so? Hypothesize here as to political ideology, voting record, or some sort of other substantial reason that may be available via the group.
- Successes? Failures?

Where would you place this group on a simple left-right political ideology spectrum and why?

Do:

- Create a power point
- Be ready to present with your group a brief but concise breakdown of your interest group in a 5-8 minute presentation.

