



Interest Groups, Money, and Influence

Use the **OpenSecrets.org** website and go to **Influence and Lobbying** to answer the following questions.

1. List the top three interest groups that contribute to our political system.
2. Which of these groups contribute primarily to Republicans and which to Democrats?
3. List the top three interest groups that contribute to Congress.
4. Investigate and contributions of one of interest group that you are interested in and write down the amount.

Go to Influence and Lobbying/PACs

5. What is the purpose of a Political Action Committee?
6. When were PACs first formed?
7. List the top three PACs in terms of campaign contributions.
8. Which of these gave the majority of their money to Democrats and which gave the majority of their money to Republican candidates?
9. What is a leadership **PAC**?
10. What is a **SuperPAC**?
11. Explain the concept of Revolving Door.
12. What is a **527**?