

The Political Process

Vocabulary Builder

DIRECTIONS Read each sentence and choose the correct term from the word bank to replace the underlined phrase.

grass roots	labor union	lobbying
trade association	endorse	interest group
political action committee		

1. An organization of citizens with shared political beliefs or goals supplies information to the public and legislators in order to achieve their political goals and influence public policy.

2. People who feel strongly about an issue may take part in the political process by contributing to an organization that raises money through legal means to support the campaign of a candidate who agrees with their position.

3. People who hold the same or similar positions or who work in related industries may choose to join an organization of workers that promotes fair wages, a safer workplace, or other issues of concern to workers.

4. In addition to raising funds and public awareness to support a cause, groups pursue their political goals by directly contacting public officials to persuade them to support a cause.

5. Before an election, interest groups announce their support for a candidate who shares their views on an issue in order to achieve their political goals and shape public policy.

6. Citizens active at the lowest level of a political organization—participating in and organizing demonstrations or marches—are said to be involved in this type of politics.

7. A(n) business group that represents a certain industry generally supports laws and policies that benefit its industry and opposes those that it believes would harm the industry.
