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| 1. **[American Civil Liberties Union](http://www.aclu.org/)** |
| 1. [**AFL/CIO - American Federation of Labor/Congress of Industrial Organizatons**](http://www.aflcio.org/) |
| 1. [**American Israel Public Affairs Committee**](http://www.aipac.org/) |
| 1. [**Americans for Democratic Action**](http://www.adaction.org/) |
| 1. [**AARP - American Association for Retired Persons**](http://www.aarp.org/) |
| 1. [**Americans United for the Separation of Church and State**](http://www.au.org/) |
| 1. [**Amnesty International USA**](http://www.amnestyusa.org/) |
| 1. [**The Christian Coalition**](http://www.cc.org/) |
| 1. [**Common Cause**](http://www.commoncause.org/) |
| 1. [**The Concord Coalition**](http://www.concordcoalition.org/) |
| 1. [**Democratic Leadership Council**](http://www.ndol.org/) |
| 1. [**Democrats.com**](http://www.democrats.com/) |
| 1. [**Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee**](http://www.dccc.org/) |
| 1. [**Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee**](http://www.dscc.org/) |
| 1. [**The Electronic Policy Network**](http://epn.org/) |
| 1. [**Families USA**](http://www.familiesusa.org/) |
| 1. [**Family Research Council**](http://www.frc.org/) |
| 1. [**The Federalist Society**](http://www.fed-soc.org/) |
| 1. [**The Feminist Majority**](http://www.feminist.org/) |
| 1. [**Free-Market.net**](http://www.free-market.net/) |
| 1. [**Greenpeace USA**](http://www.greenpeace.org/usa/) |
| 1. [**Human Rights Campaign**](http://www.hrc.org/) |
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| 1. [**The Militia Watchdog**](http://www.militia-watchdog.org/) |
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| 1. [**NAACP - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People**](http://www.naacp.org/) |
| 1. [**National Committee for an Effective Congress**](http://www.ncec.org/) |
| 1. [**National Organization for Women**](http://www.now.org/now/) |
| 1. [**National Republican Congressional Committee**](http://www.nrcc.org/) |
| 1. [**National Republican Senatorial Committee**](http://www.nrsc.org/) |
| 1. [**National Rifle Association**](http://www.nra.org/) |
| 1. [**National Right to Life Committee**](http://www.nrlc.org/) |
| 1. [**People for the American Way**](http://www.pfaw.org/) |
| 1. [**People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals**](http://www.peta-online.org/) |
| 1. [**Planned Parenthood Federation of America**](http://www.plannedparenthood.org/) |
| 1. [**The Right Side of the Web**](http://www.rtside.com/) |
| 1. [**The Sierra Club**](http://www.sierraclub.org/) |
| 1. [**Southern Poverty Law Center**](http://www.splcenter.org/) |
| 1. [**Veterans of Foreign Wars**](http://www.vfw.org/) |
| 1. **[U.S. Chamber of Commerce](http://www.uschamber.com/)**   1. What is the group’s political ideology?  Does it favor one political party over the other?  If so, does it have a history of supporting certain political candidates?  What is it doing to support its favored candidates?  What endorsements has it made? Make the connection between their political ideology, the legislation they support, and the party they support.  It might help you to Google the name of your group and words like “endorse” or “endorsement”  Give specific examples.  OR    B. 2. If you think your group is absolutely neutral, say so.  This part of the assignment is only for groups that do not endorse candidates.  Many interest groups are neutral.  Discuss the issues that your group is concerned with and then, for the points in this section you will do the following.  Find and summarize two recent (past six months) news articles relevant to your interest group.  You can use <http://news.google.com/>  to find such articles.  Use the information to show how your group is trying to influence public policy.   Make connections in your summary to the topics we’ve discussed this unit.    C. Assess your group:  What are its strengths and weaknesses?  How effective is it in achieving its agenda?  Back up what you say with specific examples demonstrating their effectiveness or lack thereof. |