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**Compose a one and a half to two page, double-spaced, typed paper addressing the following prompt:** *Evaluate the effectiveness of interest group activities in affecting public policy, noting factors leading to success as well as obstacles. Additionally, assess the impact that interest groups have on policymaking in America. Include the following:*

* Which of the major **interest group** techniques do you think is most effective and why?
* What political social, and economic factors contribute to **interest group** success? In contrast, what political, social, and economic factors hinder **interest group** success?
* What is the overall impact of **interest groups** on the political process? As a **linkage institution**, do **interest groups** make positive or negative contributions to the **policymaking system**?

Email your paper to msstephanietsai@gmail.com or hand in a printed version.

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| **Individual Paper** | **Criteria for Success** |
| **Std. IIIB1:** The student is able to analyze the range of interests represented by interest groups and the activities of they take in advancing their political goals. |  |