

READING Q&A – INTEREST GROUPS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer the following questions about American Interest Groups. These questions can be answered by reading pages 268 through page 278 in the textbook.

1. Even though both are business groups, why does the book draw a distinction between targeted groups like the American Cotton Manufacturers Institute and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce?

2. Why does the book suggest that a lot of people sympathetic to the causes of various interest groups choose NOT TO JOIN such groups?

3. The book identifies three incentives to join interest groups. What are they, and give an example of each.

A.

B.

C.

4. Identify three social movements that have become a source of many interest groups.

5. **ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET:** Identify and explain the three ways in which interest groups raise money (other than collecting dues from members).