

# Lobbyists and The Bureaucracy

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Answer the 2 test  
prep question on  
your pink paper.

# 1.

The Supreme Court case of Marbury v. Madison (1803) strengthened the power of the judicial branch by

- (1) denying states the right to secede from the Union
- (2) providing the president the power to declare war
- (3) ruling that Congress has the right to create new territories
- (4) granting federal courts the power to declare laws unconstitutional

## 2.

“We conclude that, in the field of public education, the doctrine of ‘separate but equal’ has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal. Therefore, we hold that the plaintiffs and others similarly situated for whom the actions have been brought are, by reason of the segregation complained of, deprived of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment...”

This Supreme Court decision is based on the idea that segregation in education is likely to

- (1) deny individuals equal opportunities to make social and economic progress
- (2) interfere with the right to privacy in public schools
- (3) create excessive burdens on school transportation systems
- (4) result in high tax increases to support separate school systems

## 2 Minute Quick Write

Who is affected by the decision of what students eat in the cafeteria? Why might people care about this issue?

## Today's Objective

SWBAT describe the function and significance of lobbyists and interest groups.

# Interest Group



An **interest group** is a collection of people who share certain views on public matters and work to shape public policy to their benefit.

# Benefits of Interest Groups

1. Stimulate interest in public affairs.
2. Connects people across the country.
3. Provides useful and specific information to the government.
4. Stimulate interest in political participation.
5. Keep government officials in check.



# Some Types of Interest Groups

1. Business/Economic Groups
2. Public Interest Groups
3. Ideological/Religious Groups
4. Professional groups
5. Issue-oriented groups

# Lobbyists

People who try to persuade congressmen to vote a certain way to benefit their interest group.



# Lobbyists

Close  
relationship  
with  
members of  
congress



# Regulations on Lobbyists

- Congressmen cannot get any gifts from lobbyists because it could be a bribe.
- They can give money to campaigns, help write speeches, and help gain support.



# Practice with Lobbyists

Answer questions 1-4  
on your sheet

# Bureaucracy

- Large complex government organization
- Many people think they are a waste of time because of all of the “red tape” you have to go through. (Waiting on line, waiting on hold)
- Bureaucrat- person who works for the organization or bureaucracy



# Purpose of a Bureaucracy

Gives special attention to certain issues and carry out action

Examples of Bureaucracies: CIA, Amtrak, Post Office, Peace Corps, Department of Education, Environmental Protection Agency



# Practice

3 minutes, silent volume, cold call at the end  
Raise your hand if you have a question

Write down in your OWN words what  
the purpose of a bureaucracy is, and  
why some people think that they  
waste time