

POLI 100E: Interest Groups

Agenda Topic 5: The Interest Group Universe in Modern American Politics and its Interaction With Congress and the Executive Branch

A. What Accent The Heavenly Chorus?

- 1. Schattschneider's View of the Relative Power of Interest Groups**
 - a. Upper Class Bias and its Effects**
 - b. The weak want to socialize conflict**
- 2. Schattschneider's View of the Power of the People**
 - a. The people believe they own the whole government**
 - b. The tension between Capitalism and Democracy**
- 3. Kay Lehman Schlozman's study**
 - a. What is an *unbiased* Pressure System?**
 - b. Her Data on Organizations Shows a heavy influence of
Business Groups**
- 4. The Current System -- 2009**

B. The Starbucks Decision to Start Lobbying

- 1. Idealism vs. the practical need to Lobby**
- 2. What the Starbucks Lobbying Example Tells us about the
Pressure Group System**