Special Interest Group Assignment

Objective = To familiarize yourself with some of the many interest groups that are trying to influence the political agenda.

As we have discussed in class, there are a number of interest groups who try to influence the political agenda. Some have a very narrow interest. Others have a much wider focus. All of them use lobbyists and media outlets to try and influence the policy makers to side with them.

For this assignment, you will need to use the internet and look up information on ten of the following groups. You select which ten you want to research. Some groups are to the far left and others are to the far right on the political spectrum. Pick some that you haven't heard of before. For each interest group, answer the following questions on your own sheet of paper or on a Google Doc:

A. **Who are they? (What group are they trying to represent?)**
B. **What issues do they care about?**
C. **Do they have contact info available? If so, what is listed.**

Interest groups to choose from: (THE LIST IS CONTINUED ON THE BACK.)

American Civil Liberties Union
American Conservative Union
AFL/CIO - American Federation of Labor/Congress of Industrial Organizations
American Israel Public Affairs Committee
Americans for Prosperity
American Farm Bureau Federation
AARP - American Association for Retired Persons
Americans United for the Separation of Church and State
Amnesty International USA
Associated General Contractors of America
Bread for the World
The Christian Coalition
The Christian Action Network
Common Cause
The Concord Coalition
Democratic Leadership Council
The Electronic Policy Network
Families USA
Family Research Council
The Federalist Society
The Feminist Majority
Greenpeace USA
Human Rights Campaign

The Interfaith Alliance
The John Birch Society
Independent Petroleum Association of America
Log Cabin Republicans
Voto Latino
Moveon.org
Mom's Demand Action for Gun Sense
National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL)
NAACP – National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
National Committee for an Effective Congress
National Network for Youth
National Organization for Women
National Rifle Association
National Right to Life Committee
People for the American Way
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
The Right Side of the Web
The Sierra Club
Southern Poverty Law Center
Veterans of Foreign Wars
United Farm Workers of America
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

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