

Although special interest groups can promote democracy through their agendas, ultimately special interest groups hinder democracy by harming and impeding the will of society. Federalist No. 10 says that groups unified by a common interest are factions. Factions, Madison argues, result in harm to citizens rights and harm the community. Since special interest groups have the ability to negatively impacts the rights of people and the community, they hinder democracy. Democracy is secured with the assurance that all people have the same rights and are treated equally. Special interest groups do not allow for either to happen, resulting in democracy being compromised. Special interest groups often lobby for regulations and laws unsupported by the citizenry. The Koch Industries interest group lobbies for decreasing environmental regulations and lower health care aid among other things. This interest groups is a large donor to Republican and Libertarian political campaigns. By donating large sums of money special interest groups, like the Koch brothers, have been able influence politicians to vote for a policy that benefits the interest and negatively affects constituents. Through this use of money interest groups are able to overcome the will of constituents to push for harmful legislation. This hinders democracy because the power of the interest group outweighs the power

of the vote that Democracy is built on. Some interest groups promote democracy. Very few work to expand civil rights and positively affect democracy. The ACLU promotes democracy by fighting for civil rights in US courts. However the negative impacts of outweighing the will of constituents and harming citizens rights ultimately outweighs the work done by groups such as the ACLU

I personally believe interest groups + lobbyists 1B provide positive effects on politics. They spread the word on issues that are not well known, they draw attention to it through advertisements and through big political figures.

Although sometimes lobbyist or special interest groups can do some shady things to get their agenda passed (i.e. bribes, etc) that can appear to hinder our democracy, according to Federalist 10 and our first amendment, things like special interest groups or lobbyist may not necessarily promote democracy, but they essentially fit with what they address in these two.

The Constitution states in the first amendment "... and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." This is essentially what lobbyist or SIG do with what they think needs to be changed. A group of people, or assembly of people, who fight for the change they wish to see.

In The Federalist 10, he states "By a faction, I understand a number of citizens... who are united and actuated by some common impulse of passion, or of interest, adverse to the rights of other citizens, or to the permanent and aggregate interest of the community." He then later on mentions how to stop the mischief of these types of people. However, it still is in line with SIGs, or lobbying firms.

Some may argue that from them doing mischief like bribing politicians or trying to push an agenda that goes against democracy itself can hinder our democracy. However, those are a few bad eggs in the wealth of egg cartons. From the evidence I presented, these type of groups are protected, and if they hinder democracy chances are these ideas won't be shared by our founders.