



# Government Toolkit: Indicator 1.1.4

Student Handout: Government: Indicator 1.1.4

## Goal 1.0 Political Systems

Expectation 1.1 The student will demonstrate understanding of the structure and functions of government and politics in the United States.

Indicator 1.1.4 The student will explain roles and analyze strategies individuals or groups may use to initiate change in governmental policy and institutions.

Assessment Limits:

Political parties, interest groups, lobbyists, candidates, citizens, and the impact of the media on elections, elected officials and public opinion.

Referendum and initiative processes.

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Correct Answer

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