

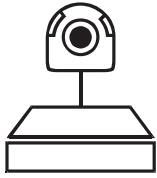
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## THE FARM SUBSIDIES MYSTERY

- American farmers collected \$71 billion in subsidy payments from 1996 to 2000.
- While many taxpayers imagine that these funds are used to support small family farms, only 36 percent of all farms receive subsidies.
- According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 47 percent of subsidy payments go to large, wealthy, commercial operations farms.
- Almost half of the benefits go to farmers in six states.
- *Why would the United States government send payments to owners of large, prosperous farms when the farm subsidy was intended originally to help owners of small, family farms?*



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## TYPES OF INTEREST GROUPS

There are thousands of special interest groups in the United States — and more around the world. Here is a brief sampling:

### 1. Business and Corporate Groups

- General Electric
- McDonald's
- National Football League

### 2. Labor Unions

- AFL-CIO
- National Education Association
- United Mine Workers

### 3. Trade Associations

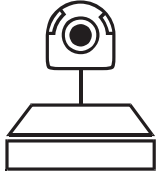
- American Gas Association
- American Farm Bureau Federation
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce

### 4. Professional Organizations

- American Medical Association
- National Council for the Social Studies
- Society for Human Resource Management

### 5. Political Organizations

- National Organization for Women
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- National Rifle Association



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## WHY DO WE HAVE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS?

### POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES TO ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Information
- Ideas

### POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES TO CITIZENS

- Diverse Interests
- Effects of Government Policies