

**POLS 404: Interest Group Politics  
MIDTERM REVIEW SHEET**

**The following is a general list of topics, concepts, and issues that you should be familiar with in preparation for the midterm. This is a general outline *only*. Remember, you are responsible for information both from the reading packet and from lecture. The form of the midterm is 10 short answers, a choice of 3 identifications, and a choice of 1 essay question.**

Alexis de Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i>	the free rider problem
James Madison, <i>The Federalist No. 10</i>	collective good
group activity and social capital	free rider
define	selective benefits
why decline?	entrepreneurs
history and development of organized groups	learning
patterns in different periods	context
causes of change	maintenance and internal politics
recent developments	Iron Law of Oligarchy
interest	leader control v. member control
define	types of internal democracy
subjective v. objective	resources
pure self-interest	types
intensity	sources
costs v. benefits: diffuse v. concentrated	effect on strategy and tactics
types of groups	bias
types and characteristics of lobbyists	policy making and agenda setting
potential sources of bias	gate-keeping
membership	framing
advantage of business	interest group activity
models of interest group interaction	constraints
pluralism	choice of action, level, and arena
elitism (capture, iron triangles)	importance of gathering information
social movements	public approaches to influence
define	direct and indirect use of the media
causes of emergence	protests and demonstrations
mass psychology	grassroots lobbying
relative deprivation	substantive cases
political process/opportunity	Prohibition
characteristics and adaptive functions	cigarette excise tax
causes of decline	AARP