

Chapter 8: *The Power of Organized Interests*

- Why are small “special interests” so able to gain government benefits that aren’t in the best interests of “the rest of us?”
- Explain what the mohair subsidy was/is, and why it continued so long after mohair was no longer used.
- Why do politicians support the ethanol subsidy more than economists or scientists do?
- Consider the discussion in the last part of the chapter regarding special interests, earmarked funds, and politicians.
 - How is this process a good thing?
 - How is this process a bad thing?
 - What would it take to change this to something we don’t complain about?
 - Does this chapter help explain how Congress had a 10% approval rating going into the election, yet 90% of legislators were reelected?