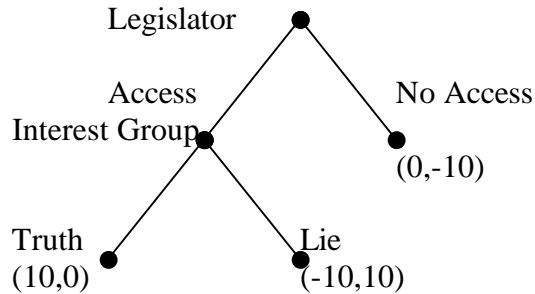


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Lecture 6 Outline:

Writing Legislation in Congress

- I. Principal Agent Theory cont.
 - a. What is the principal agent problem?
 - b. What is the general solution?
 - c. Game Theory setup of the Principal-Agent Problem



- d. How do the goals of interest groups and legislators define the payoffs?
 - e. How does the Folk Theorem solve the principal-agent problem?
- II. Discuss next paper topic
 - a. What is pluralism?
 - b. How does the agenda-setting stage fit pluralist ideas?
 - c. What role does the policy entrepreneur play in making pluralism real?
- III. Legislative Stage
 - a. Agenda-setting ends when a member of congress becomes a policy entrepreneur and proposes a bill in congress.
 - b. Legislative Stage takes these bills and winnows them further.
 - c. How does a bill become a law?
 - i. Two phases – committee phase and floor phase
- IV. Committee Stage
 - a. Why are there committees?
 - b. Why are committees and subcommittees important for interest groups?
 - c. What role do interest groups play in the work of committees?
 - i. How does this role illustrate the principal-agent relationship?
 - ii. How does the pluralist notion of equal access fare in the work of committees?
 1. What can the “think tank” reading tell us about this?