

Political Science 517N

Lecture 10

Congress and Interest Groups

1. Administrative Issues
 - a. A quiz!
 - b. Switch in readings
 - c. Just like an English class!
 - d. Exams back Wed.

2. The Lecture
 - a. A Game of Information
 1. What goals do the players have?
 2. What role does information play?
 3. How are access and influence different?

 - b. The nature of information...to lie or not to lie?
 1. To be truthful...
 2. What types of info do you want?
 3. The tainted truth vs. the ugly truth...

 - c. Lobbying: friends, foes, or what?
 1. Who would you want sitting at your table?
 2. The delicate information balance.

 - d. What other roles, these groups?
 1. Grassroots support and opposition
 2. Money! A glossary of definitions
 3. A little history of campaign finance.
 4. Can money really buy happiness? Why not?