

U.S. Government
Interest Groups: Organizing to Influence

1. Why did members of Congress come to the defense of United Defense?
2. What kinds of tactics did United Defense use to fend off efforts to kill the Crusader?
3. In the end, was United Defense successful?
4. What is the iron triangle?
5. Who does the National Campaign for Jobs and Income Support represent?
6. What motivated Ladon James to become involved in the campaign?
7. Since this is a citizen action without large cash reserves, what tactics did the group utilize to influence policy-makers?
8. How is the grassroots organization in this story different from a citizen action group?
9. What kinds of tactics did the Anti-Meridan group use to fight the freeway?
10. What do you think has motivated these people to keep up the fight over a couple of generations?