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**Whom Should We Ask?**

**Source Analysis Handout**

This handout guides you through a two-step process to help you think about the sources you are choosing for this task. In Step 1, you will analyze two of your sources for the task. In Step 2 you will take part in a brief discussion with your instructor about these two sources.

**STEP 1**

Of the sources you find for this task, choose two to analyze here. Briefly answer the questions below on each source.

**Source 1: A Source that Supports Your Recommendation**

Choose the one source that best supports your view as to which to which branch of government you believe your target interest group should attempt to influence. Take notes in response to the questions below.

1. **Identify the Source (title, author, date, and other relevant information.)**
2. **Identify the source's bias or point of view regarding the issue your interest group is concerned about.**
3. **Briefly explain why this source supports your view as to which branch of government your interest group should try to influence.**

**Source 2: A Source that Does Not Support Your Recommendation**

Choose one source that seems less useful in supporting your view as to which branch of government you believe your target interest group should attempt to influence. Take notes in response to the questions below.

1. **Identify the Source (title, author, date, and other relevant information.)**
2. **Identify the source's bias or point of view regarding the issue your interest group is concerned about.**
3. **Briefly explain why this source is less useful in supporting your view as to which branch of government your interest group should try to influence.**

**STEP 2**

Share your answers to the above questions in Step 1 with your instructor. In your discussion, be sure to answer these two questions:

1. How much were your choices influenced by each source's bias or point of view regarding the issue your interest group is concerned about?
2. Regardless of point of view, why did you think Source 1 best supported your view as to which branch of government your interest group should try to influence?