

POLI 100E: Interest Groups

Agenda Topic 2: Why are there so Many Interest Groups?

A. Schattschneider's Theory of Political Conflict

- 1. The Contagiousness of Conflict**
- 2. Privatization vs. Socialization of Conflict**
- 3. 20th Century Trends that have Increased the Socialization of Conflict**

B. The Increase in the Size and the Complexity of Both the Economy and the Government

- 1. Economic Growth Since the Great Depression**
- 2. The Growth of the Federal Government in Terms of its Size and Complexity**