# The “Iron Triangle”

- **What is it?**
  - The relationship between __________ (especially sub-committees), ________________, (Bureaucracy), and ____________________________
  - They help create __________
  - All three parts of the “Iron-Triangle” seek to protect their own self interests

## An Example Of The “Iron Triangle”

- Farm Special Interest Groups (SIGs) help elect members of Congress
  - ______________ contributions, endorsements, etc.
  - In return, Congress creates favorable legislation and ________________ to special interests
- Congress funds agencies (Bureaucracy) to regulate subsidies and oversee distribution
- The Bureaucracy is favorable to the Farm Special Interest Groups, which in turn lobby on behalf of the agency to ensure financial and political support

## Positives And Negatives Of The “Iron Triangle”

- **Positives:**
  - Many Special Interest Groups receive ________________ from the government
  - Congressional districts can get increased funding (“________________________”)
- **Negatives:**
  - ________________ argue appeasing too many groups leads to gridlock

## Test Tips

- **Multiple-Choice:**
  - ________________________________________________
  - ________________________________________________
  - ________________________________________________
  - ________________________________________________

- **Free Response Questions:**
  - ________________________________________________
  - ________________________________________________