

POLITICAL POLEMICS: WHAT'S IN A NAME?

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The National Committee for Honest Political Naming (L.R.N. Ashley, President and Chief Executive Officer) is a one-member, one-issue organization dedicated to exposing what The New Republic called in its 1 Sep 1986 issue **viewspeak**, defined as "the increasingly popular trick of disguising your own self-interest in the rhetoric of public interest." The rule is the more partisan the Political Action Committee (PAC), the less partisan-sounding its name. The difference between the names of the lobbying groups and what they are up to suggested this little quiz. See if you can guess the concern of each group of lobbyists from their official name. If you do, you are eligible to join Onomastic Honesty-Observant Heroes (OH-OH).

1. Liberty Foundation
2. Center for Peace and Freedom
3. Government Action Committee
4. Free Enterprise PAC
5. Responsible Government Fund
6. Citizens Organized for the National Interest
7. Public Citizens
8. Public Advocate
9. Freedom to Work
10. Loose Group
11. Fund for America's Future
12. Campaign for Prosperity
13. National Perspectives Institute
14. Fund for the Future
15. Educators for Economic Communication
16. National Political Action Committee
17. Colorado Coalition for Responsible Government
18. American Horizons
19. Fund for Legislative Awareness

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