

**SOCRATIC SEMINAR MAKE-UP ASSIGNMENT**  
***Federalist 10 & For Big Givers, Cash and Clout Arrive Together***

Directions – Attach your homework to this sheet (completed article analysis form or each article), and address the question below.

<b><i>Federalist #10 by James Madison</i></b>
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1. How does Madison define a “faction?” How are factions in Madison’s day similar to or even the same as modern special interest groups?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What problems do factions present to government and politics, both in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century and today?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Madison argues that “the *causes* of faction cannot be removed; and that relief is only to be sought in the means of controlling its *effects*.” Interpret the quote and explain why Madison believes that pure democracy is not the answer.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Why does Madison believe a large republic as created by the Constitution is the best tool to limit the effects of factions? Is Madison right? Defend your answer.

***For Big Givers, Cash and Clout Arrive Together* by Nicholas Confessore**

1. Identify some of the interest groups and Political Action Committees (referred to as Super PACs) mentioned in the article. How do these groups operate during political campaigns?
2. In the article, Confessore talks about “the money-access-power matrix.” Explain what the matrix is and how it relates to campaigns and public policy.
3. How do these special interest groups represent (or not represent) the interests of the country as a whole?
4. What do you think Madison would say about the modern American special interest groups discussed in this article?