Lesson 3 Interest Groups and Their Roles

Review Questions

A. Main Idea
   1. interest group
   2. civil society
   3. interest groups, political parties
   4. people, government

B. Main Idea
   1. economic
   2. beliefs
   3. social

C. Main Idea
   1. economic
   2. public
   3. civil rights
   4. single-issue, ideological
   5. Faith-based
   6. professional, government

Summary and Reflection

Student answers should reflect an understanding that this type of event would most likely spark the formation of interest groups whose goals involve regulating the transportation of toxic chemicals, protecting the public and or the environment from such chemicals, or limiting their use. Members of such a group would likely have deeply felt beliefs about the dangers of toxic chemicals, or the importance of protecting people and the environment. These interest groups could be classed as public interest groups or single-issue groups. A few students might suggest that groups whose livelihood stemmed from producing, transporting, or disposing of toxic chemicals might form an interest group to combat the possible regulations and restrictions that could follow such an accident. These people would be motivated by economic self-interest, and their organizations would be classified as economic interest groups.