



## Critical Analysis

1. On average, how much of a raise do politicians get when they become [lobbyists](#)?
2. What do [lobbyists](#) do, anyway?
3. What is the big story this infographic tells?
4. Why do you think politicians get such a raise to become lobbyists?
5. Why do so many politicians become lobbyists?
6. What is one positive consequence and one negative consequence of this?
7. Why do you think more members of the Senate than members of the House of Representatives become lobbyists?
8. When politicians become lobbyists we call this the [revolving door](#). Why do you think the U.S. Congress does NOT make a law outlawing politicians becoming lobbyists?
9. Make a claim about the revolving door between politicians and lobbyists and its impact on democracy, and support it with one piece of evidence.
10. Elizabeth Warren, Senator of Massachusetts, has proposed [legislation that would ban politicians from becoming lobbyists for life](#). Could they be lobbyists **after life**? Would you support Warren's proposal?
11. Do you think it's likely this proposal becomes law?
12. What do you think the following would think about that proposal?
  - Senators
  - Lobbyists
  - Political Parties
  - Interest Groups
  - Politicians from either major party
  - Donald Trump
  - House Members
  - Liberals
  - Conservatives

## Learning Extension

Browse this list from [Open Secrets of all the former politicians who are now lobbyists!](#) And read this VOX article: [I was a lobbyist for more than 6 years. I quit. My conscience couldn't take it anymore.](#)

## Action Extension

[Contact your member of congress](#) and ask them whether they would pledge to not become a lobbyist after they leave Congress.

## Visual Extension

