

## Who Governs?

- Special Interests?
- Wall Street?
- The Establishment?
- Big Business?
- Unions?
- Religious Right?
- The Politicians?
- The PEOPLE?

RU Gettin' It?

# 1. The Study of American Government

## To What Ends?

**Marxist View**  
Economic Ends.

**Elitist View**  
A few top leaders  
See C. Wright Mills  
*The Power Elite*

**Bureaucrat View**  
Appointed Civil Servants  
See Max Weber

**Pluralist View**  
Competing Elites.  
No single elite monopoly

### Power

Ability to get another person to do what you want.

### Authority

Right to use power

### Legitimacy

Proper exercise of power and authority.

We train political animals