



A Union of Professionals

Where is the Power?

Types of Influential Groups	Specific Groups
<p>Foundations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What foundations are prominent in your area? • What influence do they have? • What are their positions on our issues? • What is our relationship with them? 	
<p>Issue or Constituent Advocacy Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What organizations advocate for issues related to our members (e.g., child nutrition, healthcare)? • What is our relationship with them? 	
<p>Pro-Privatization Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What groups are active in your area? • What role do they play in the education debate? • Who funds them? • Who are their key leaders/spokespeople? • What is our relationship with them? 	
<p>Civil Rights Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What civil rights groups (e.g., NAACP, Urban League, Latino organizations) are active and influential in your area? • What is our relationship with them? • What are their positions on our issues? 	

The **American Federation of Teachers** is a union of professionals that champions fairness; democracy; economic opportunity; and high-quality public education, healthcare and public services for our students, their families and our communities. We are committed to advancing these principles through community engagement, organizing, collective bargaining and political activism, and especially through the work our members do.

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Research Groups/Think Tanks

- What groups produce information that is in opposition to our positions?
- What union-friendly groups exist (e.g., university education departments, progressive non-profits)?
- How do we generate policy information that supports our point of view?