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Political Parties vs. Interest Groups: Understanding the Differences

Short Answer Key

1. Political parties often have members with diverse beliefs, while interest groups have members who share a specific interest or concern.
2. The primary focus of political parties is to govern and control the government by winning elections, whereas interest groups focus on advocating for specific policies related to their cause.
3. Interest groups do not run in elections themselves because their main role is to advocate for their cause, not to hold positions within the government.
4. Interest groups advocate for their cause by lobbying lawmakers, raising public awareness, and engaging in activities that aim to influence government policies.
5. (Example will vary.)

