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Sources for Question 1

Read the sources below and use them when answering Question 1.

SOURCE A: Parties and pressure groups

At first glance, parties and pressure groups look very similar: both tend to be highly organised with clear aims and members who share common values. However one thing that distinguishes a party from a pressure group is that while a party seeks to gain power directly by election to public office, pressure groups try to influence those already in power.

But where does this leave groups like the Green Party? It contests elections to the House of Commons but with little hope of ever forming a government, so is it a party or a pressure group with an electoral strategy?

SOURCE B: The Animal Liberation Front

According to its website, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) tries to prevent animal abuse by rescuing animals and causing financial loss to 'animal exploiters', usually through damage and destruction of property.

ALF states that its short-term aim is to save as many animals as possible and to directly disrupt what they regard as the abuse of animals. Its longer term aim is to end all animal suffering by forcing 'animal abuse companies' out of business. ALF claims that its campaign is a non-violent one and that activists take all precautions not to harm any animal, human or otherwise.

In 2007, however, a national newspaper quoted a spokesperson for ALF as warning staff at Oxford University, where a new biomedical centre was about to open, to expect 'home visits', saying: "ALF does not wave banners or leaflet neighbours. Our type of home visit involves red paint, breaking windows and criminal damage."



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