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| Bank Item Number | G.C.2.10.L1 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.2.10 |
| Cognitive Complexity | L |
| Item | Who do lobbyists represent in their attempts to influence government?  |
| A |  | military officers  |
| B |  | elected officials |
| C | \* | interest groups  |
| D |  | circuit judges |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.2.10.M1 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.2.10 |
| Cognitive Complexity | M |
| Item | Which example represents the media acting as watchdog?  |
| A |  | A journalist discovers that an office holder held a hearing. |
| B | \* | A journalist discovers that an office holder accepted a bribe. |
| C |  | A journalist discovers that an office holder decided to retire. |
| D |  | A journalist discovers that an office holder voted against a bill. |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.2.10.M2 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.2.10 |
| Cognitive Complexity | M |
| Item | How might a political action committee influence government? |
| A |  | send a letter to a U.S. Senator’s supporters |
| B | \* | contribute money to a U.S. Senate campaign |
| C |  | write a letter to a newspaper about a U.S. Senator  |
| D |  | contribute money to a charity in a U.S. Senator’s state  |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.2.10.M3 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.2.10 |
| Cognitive Complexity | M |
| Item | How do the media typically influence government? |
| A |  | by reporting court procedures  |
| B |  | by making political contributions |
| C | \* | by investigating illegal business practices |
| D |  | by broadcasting campaign advertisements  |

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| Bank Item Number | G.C.2.10.H1 |
| Benchmark | SS.7.C.2.10 |
| Cognitive Complexity  | H |
| Item | The table below describes ratings for news organizations.

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| *Believability ratings of news organizations* |
| **Year**  | **% Reliable**  |  **% Not Reliable**  |
| 2012 | 56 | 44 |
| 2010 | 62 | 38 |
| 2008 | 64 | 36 |
| 2006 | 61 | 39 |
| 2004 | 63 | 37 |
| 2002 | 70 | 30 |

Source: Adapted from Pew Research Center poll conducted July 19-22, 2012. According to the table, what impact has media had on government? |
| A |  | Government is less likely to regulate the press. |
| B |  | Government is more likely to regulate the press.  |
| C | \* | Government is less likely to respond to public concerns. |
| D |  | Government is more likely to respond to public concerns. |