

# How were the 9/11 Responders able to influence government?

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- Date: Thursday, September 12
- Time: 8 to 11 p.m. ET
- Location: Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas

# Discussion Questions

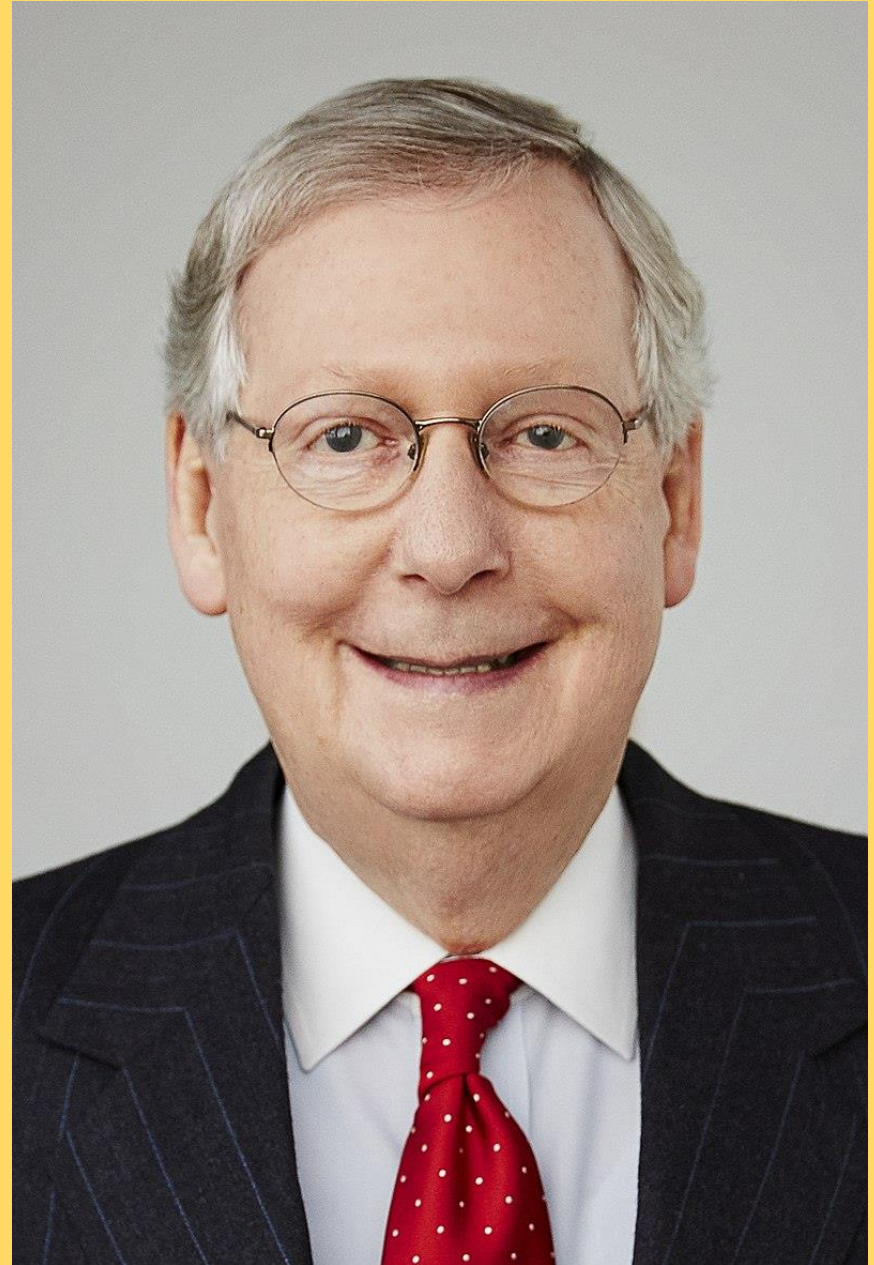
- What issue was Jon Stewart concerned about?
- Do you think that government has an obligation to help these people? Why?
- What Jon Stewart was doing is called lobbying. Can you come up with a definition for lobbying?

# James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act

- **9/11 Victim Compensation Fund** - provided for medical treatment and financial compensation for the thousands of responders and survivors who are sick from exposure to 9/11 related toxins.
- Was to expire in 2020

# Mitch McConnell

- Senate Majority Leader
- First elected to the Senate in 1984





# Special Interest Group

- A group with a common interest that seeks to influence government or government policy.
- Lobbyists work on behalf of special interest groups.
- Examples:
  - NRA - National Rifle Association
  - AARP - American Association of Retired People
  - ACLU - American Civil Liberties Union
  - NOW - National Organization of Women
  - ABA - American Bar Association
  - Sierra Club – environmental conservation organization

- What do you think gives lobbying groups power
- What was Jon Stewart's message about lobbying? Do you agree?
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- Besides shame and money do you think there are any other ways to influence government?