

INTERNATIONAL REVOLVING DOORS



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SUMMARY

We examined the number of legislators in both the House of Commons and the U.S. Congress that legislated on a particular issue and then moved into private industry working within the regulations they helped create. U.S. politicians are five times more likely to enter areas they legislated on than are U.K. politicians. Specialization in an industry is necessary for effective legislation, but a balance must be kept to prevent conflicts of interest from subverting government into serving private interests instead of public interest.

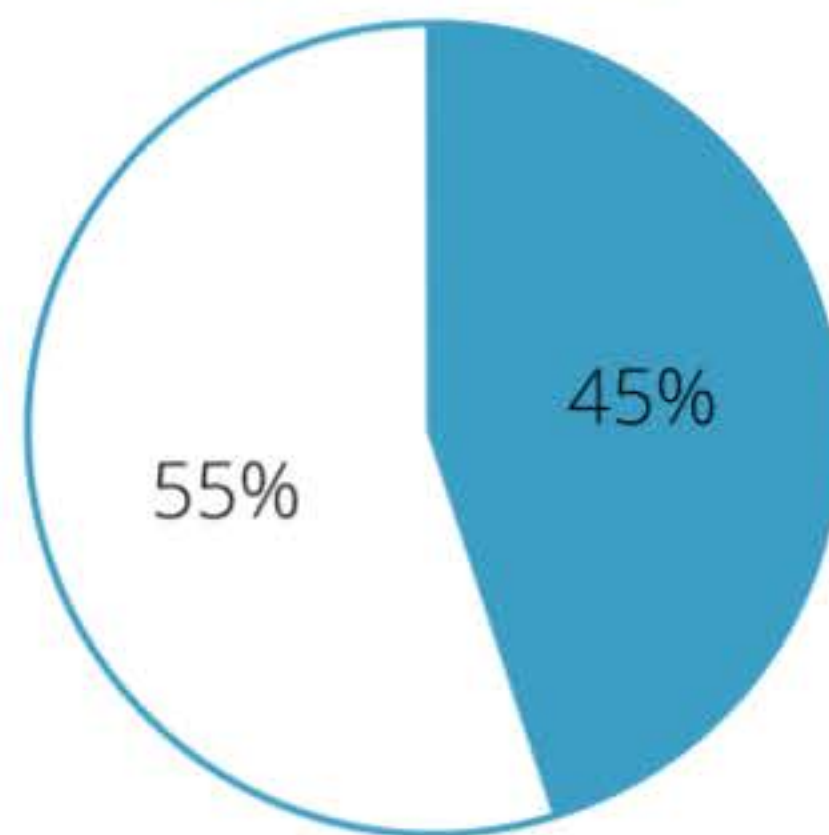


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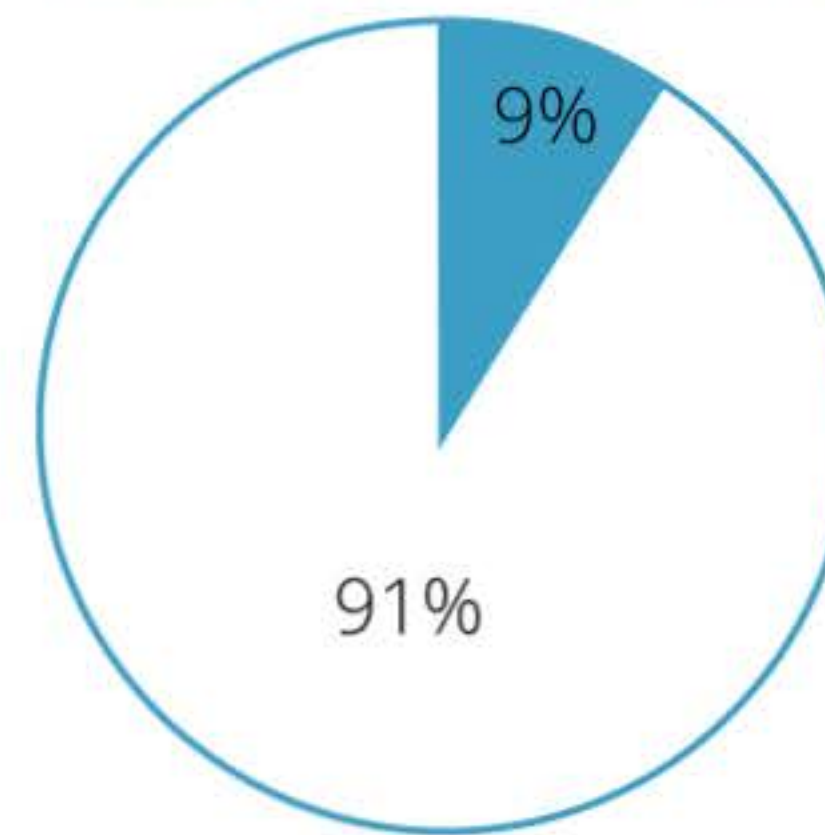
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INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON: UK VS. US

US CONGRESS



UK HOUSE OF COMMONS



THE REVOLVING DOOR



CONCLUSIONS

- This difference could be due to a combination of the different governing systems and different rules concerning the revolving door the two countries implement.
- The data reflects that the United States allows more revolving door connections than the United Kingdom.
- There is cause for caution against absolute prohibitions because specialized legislators are likely to be more effective regulators.
- A balance is necessary between specialization and the possibility of abuse and regulatory capture.



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