# **Public Affairs Terms Glossary**



#### General

Advocacy

Advocacy leaders

Advocacy plan

Advocates, messengers

**Audience** 

Benchmarking

Best practices

Champions for your cause

Communications strategy

Compliance (legal)

Corporate communication

Crisis communication

Cross-functional communications

**Decision makers** 

Due diligence

External messaging

Influencers

Integration of functions

Internal & external stakeholders

Key stakeholders

Measuring and communicating value (all functions)

Media outreach

Media relations (press relations)

Media strategy

Messaging (messages)

Metrics

Public affairs campaign

Public affairs outreach program

Public affairs plan

Public affairs strategy

Reputational damage

Reputational objectives

Return on Investment (ROI)

Speechwriting for public affairs

Stakeholder engagement

Stakeholder mapping

Storytelling for advocacy (advocacy story)

Storytelling platform (e.g.: social media)

Strategic communications plan

#### **Government Relations**

Advocacy activities, efforts Advocacy campaign Advocacy strategy Advocacy tools

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Advocates, messengers

Engagement plan

**Engagement strategy** 

Fly-in, lobby day or advocacy day

Gift giving, gift rules

Government affairs team

Government affairs, relations

Government relation strategy

Government relations efforts, lobbying efforts

In-House lobbyist

Key legislative issues

Key policy positions

Law firms and consultancies

Lawmakers, legislators

Legislative issues

Legislative objectives

Legislative staff education

Legislative tracking, monitoring

Legislative trends

Lobbying activities

Lobbying, traditional lobbying (interchangeable with public affairs, GR, direct advocacy)

Lobbyist

Local-level lobbying

Non-government organizations (NGOs)

Policy communication

Policy debates

Policy education

Policy influencers

Policy issues

Policy positions

Policy priorities

Policy shapers

Policymakers

Public affairs initiatives

Public policy objectives, goals

Regulatory advocacy

Regulatory affairs

Regulatory compliance

Regulatory efforts

Regulatory engagement plan

Regulatory function

Regulatory issues

Regulatory monitoring

Rulemaking

Social policy

State and local government relations

Think tanks and research, academic institutions

Trade, industry, business associations

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#### **Grassroots**

Advocacy campaign, program

Community engagement

Employee engagement

Grassroots activities

Grassroots advocates, advocate community, advocate base

Grassroots campaign

Grassroots efforts

Grassroots engagement

Grassroots initiatives

Grassroots story

Grassroots strategy

Grasstops

Internal advocacy

Issue monitoring

Super-advocate, leader, champion, ambassador

## Social media & Digital Communications (linked a lot to Grassroots)

Content (videos, images, reports, social posts, graphs etc.)

Content strategy

Digital advocacy campaign

Digital advocacy efforts

Digital advocacy program

Digital advocacy strategy

Digital communications

Digital media

Digital, online advocacy

Digital public affairs

Digital tools (websites, social media, apps, infographics etc.)

Shareable (advocacy) messages

Shareable visuals

Social media advocacy campaign

Social media channels, platforms (ex: Snapchat, Instagram)

Visual content

### **Issues & reputation management**

Issues management

Crisis communication strategy

Crisis management

Issue tracking, monitoring (legislative & others)

Issues management systems

Risk management (linked to compliance)

### International public affairs

Global, international public affairs function

Cross-border strategy (cross-border coordination and issue management)

Identification, tracking, and management of public policy issues

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International media relations
International media strategy
International public affairs plan, strategy
Issues management across geographic borders
Regulatory convergence



## **Corporate Responsibility (CSR)**

CSR plan, CSR strategy
Corporate reputation
CSR & government relations integration
CSR initiatives
CSR reporting, report
CSR story
Integrated CSR efforts
Political transparency and CSR
Reputation building
Reputation management
Reputational issues
Signature CSR initiative

