

# Lobby Reform: Who Is In the Lead?

The U.S. or E.U.

# ***Purposes of US 1995 LDA:***

## ***Transparency***

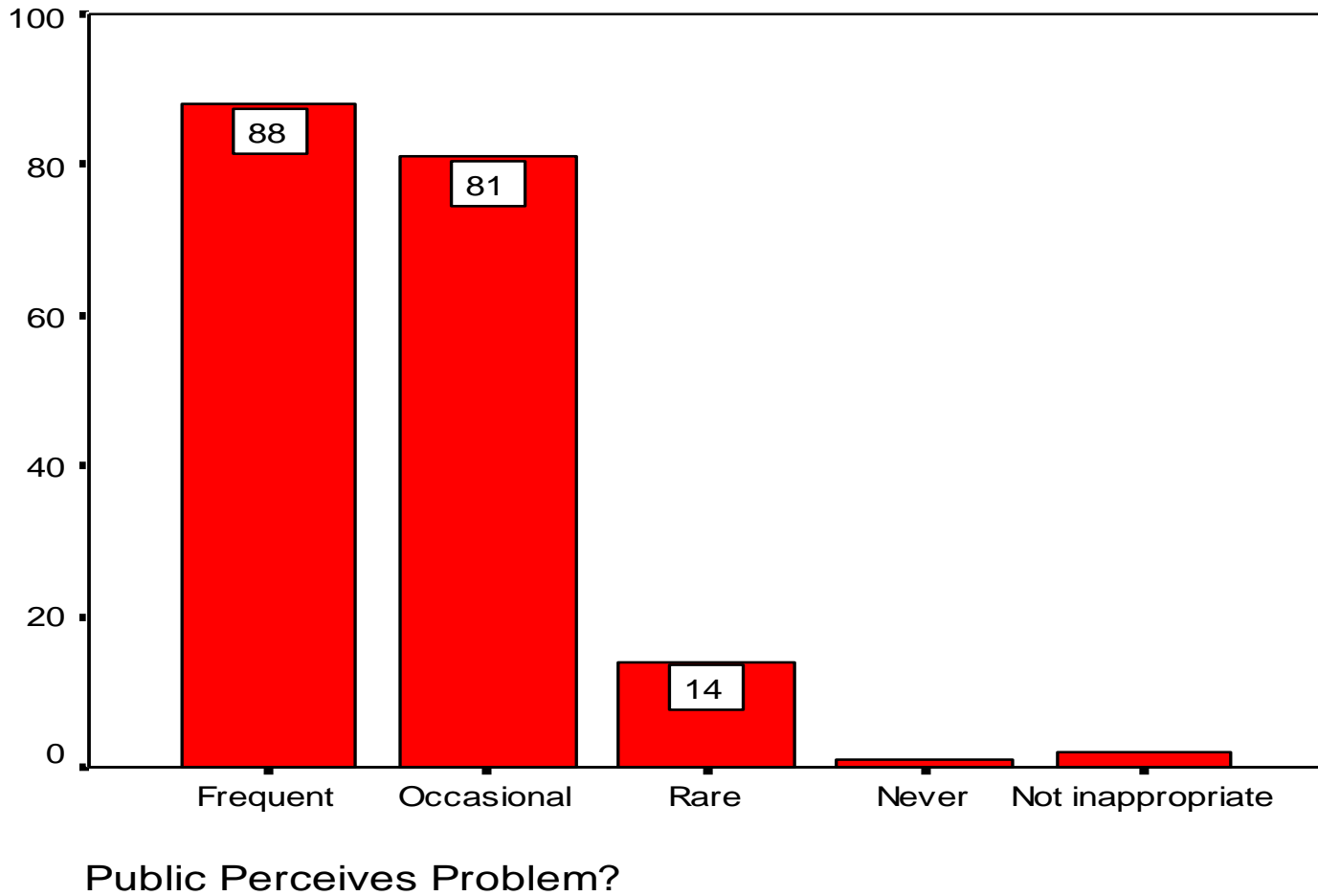
- Reduce corruption
- Inform lawmakers of the interests attempting to influence them
- Increase public confidence in government
- “To tell the public who is being paid how much to lobby whom on what”
- **HLOGA 2007** – Added *ethics rules* for lobbyists

# ***Early Lobbying Regulatory Regimes in Europe***

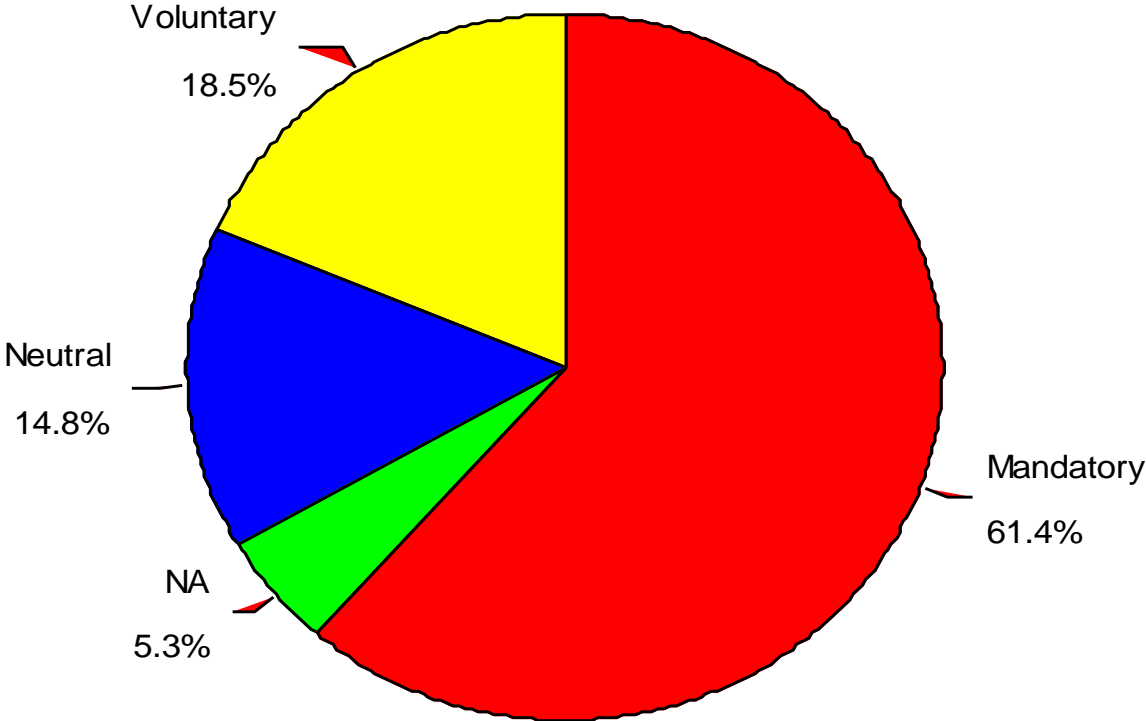
- Germany – 1951
- European Parliament – 1996
- Georgia – 1998
- Lithuania – 2001
- Hungary – 2006 (repealed in 2011)
- Macedonia – 2008 (never implemented)

**Objective: Access**

# Public Perceives a Problem with Lobbying?



# Mandatory or Voluntary Disclosure?



# ***Joint Parliament-Commission Transparency Registry***

- New Focus: Transparency
  - Still Structured According to Early Regimes:
    1. Voluntary, but Incentives to Register Are Quite Strong
    2. Hall Pass System
    3. Limited Financial Disclosures
  - Good On-Line Disclosure
- <http://europa.eu/transparency-register/>

# Strong Transparency Lobby Laws Gaining Ground in Europe

- Joint Parliament-Commission Registry  
(debating moving to a mandatory system  
in 2016)
- Slovenia – Mandatory registration  
Financial disclosure  
Data is publicly available
- Austria – Mandatory registration  
Financial disclosure  
Lobbying contacts  
Internet access