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The amount of pressure group in the society especially among youths really grows fast, to amount pressure is to persuade someone into doing something and this makes pressure group a formal or organized body with a common interest whose fundamental aims is to put pressure on any governmental institution with the goal of influencing government policies and laws to its own advantage the pressure group is also referred to as “the functional representative’. Note that pressure groups are described as ‘interest groups, lobby groups or even protest groups’

Pressure groups and political parties are appear similar but they are different from each other the first thing to know is that political parties seek to gain governmental power, while on the other hand pressure group pressure group do not seek to gain powers rather their aim is to influence political decision, secondly political powers have a wide range of policies but pressure groups narrow their goals they are also not accountable for any of their actions

Types of pressure groups

The interest groups: these are sectional groups representing the people in the society for example the trade units etc.

The cause groups: these groups are promoting groups that seek to promote particular causes for example charities and environmental groups etc.

The insider/outsider groups: these groups are regularly consulted by government and they have regular access to minister or legislators. The Nigerian bar association is an example of it. Outside groups have no access to the government and its machineries

The Anomic group: these groups have unpredictable actions and behaviors as they work based on the moment and situation in the society these groups are not guided by an appropriate behavioral style they may sometimes act violent.

Associational and non-associational groups: these groups are usually registered with appropriate authorities in a state or country they also have their own registered offices, constitution etc.

Functions of pressure group

Pressure groups link people to the government

It promotes participation in government

It serves as a source of information to the government

Promotion of the interest of the minority

They influence the legislation