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### **SUMMARY OF CHAPTER FIFTEEN OF SALIENT ISSUES IN GOVERNMENT AND NIGERIA'S POLITICS**

Pressure groups are described as interest groups, lobby groups, or even protest groups. Pressure groups came into existence to complement, enhance or even protect the interests of their members or groups. The main purpose of pressure groups is to ensure that government does their biddings. This type of groups in France, both public policy administration and even go along with returning political structure of the society and forms of government pressure group promotes its interest regarding an issue it seeks to influence government decisions and policy. This type of group could be religious business, like educational, ethnic oriented, gender sensitive etc.

Pressure groups and political parties activities may sometimes appear similar, but they are different from each other. The differences between pressure group and political party is that political parties seek to gain government powers while pressure groups do not seek government power. Political parties have a wide range of policies whereas pressure groups narrow their goals. Political parties are not actually accountable for any of their actions. While political parties do account for their actions. With good parties are formally organized than pressure groups. There are also some similarities between the two. Goals and political parties relate together to achieve certain social changes. Political parties align their interest with that of certain political parties that are believed to possess the capability to further their interests.

The main reason for the existence of pressure groups is to checkmate and make Democratic better to compensate for the tyranny of majority of people in the society. They treat the gap in the Democratic process to inform debate among ourselves to encourage participation in government politics. It is meant known to all that pressure groups is beneficial to Democratic society. However, there are some downsides in pressure groups. Sometimes due to their own surface interests, pressure is mounted to alter the decisions of the government while not considering Government limited resources.

There are different types of pressure groups. One of them is interest groups. This type of group is also seen as sectional groups representing the people in the society. For example, the trade union. This type of group, our promotion group, will seek to promote particular courses, for example, charities and environmental groups. Another type of pressure groups, insider or outsider groups. Insider groups are regularly consulted by the government. They have the access to ministers or legislators. For example, the Nigerian Bar Association. An insider group, maybe high or low profile, Nevertheless, they intend to have influence on government missions and vision. Outsider groups have new access or

links to the government and its machinery's. The Insider, an outsider group changes from time to time based on the party or government in power. Anna type of pressure group is the anomie group. This group have unpredictable actions and behaviour as they work based on their momentane situation in their society. These groups are not guided by an appropriate previous Style. or rule and sometimes be violent. Examples of this type of groups are Protest, rioting , etc. This type of group sometimes causes revolution. Another professional group is the Association are non associational groups. Associational groups are usually registered With appropriate authorities in a state or country. These groups have their own registered offices, constitutions, and so on. None associational groups are pressure groups without a formal organization. They operate by virtue of kinship or even family attachment, social traditions, tribal or even race affliction, etc.

There are many functions of the pressure groups. One of the functions Official group is that they link government to the people. Pressure Group stay up to date on relevant informations and are able to assist people in on such matter And at the same time we left to the government what the opinion of the people is. Special Group promotes participation in government. Some pressure groups engage in demo demonstration and other measures to put their views across to the government. Pressure Group serves as sources of formation to the government. As the pressure group lobby government on various fronts, interaction offers the government valuable information on aspects of issues that they may not even be aware of. The activities official group ensures that government do not perpetrate themselves in power thereby. Drifting into dictatorship. Pressure groups championed the rights of the underprivileged. Especially. promotional pressure groups. As they go about the activity, they ensure that the interest of their minority groups are not trampled upon by the government. Roger Goose acts as a watchdog on the government. Other functional fresher group is that they are instrumental in the mounting of pressure on government so that it can implement policies That are to the benefit of the citizens. They put pressure on government to influence its policies. Change a policy direction withdraw an entire policy that does not favor their members.

Pressure groups may adopt a variety of strategies to achieve their goals, including lobbying, elected officers, media advocacy, and direct political action. Pressure group lobby. In so many ways. They lobby with governmental official directly. For example, the lobby, legislatures, ministers and other government machinery. They might sometimes lobby this. Government officials through friends, spouse, children and other relatives. Also, pressure groups may Sponsor bills in legislative houses and contact legislators to ensure the passage of the bills .