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ABOUT A TWO PAGE REVIEW ON CHAPTER 15

AN OVERVIEW OF THE IDEA OF PRESSURE GROUPS

To be apply pressure is to be persuasive in nature to a person or to be forceful to the extent that someone does what you want. A pressure group aims to influence the decisions of the government to its own interest. The pressure group is referred to as ’’The functional representative’’. Various pressure groups do this because they have their various interest. This is done through their occupations example NBA [NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION] which is aimed at the interest of lawyers and solicitor.

ANIFOWOSE said pressure group is the’ interest group, lobby groups or even protest group’. The existence of pressure groups is to enhance their member or group interest. And with the right amount of pressure applied through channels and other means pressure groups get what they want. These groups influence not just both public policy, administration but also political structures of the society and forms of government. Some are; ASUU[ACADEMIC STAFF UNION FOR UNIVERSITY] , OODUA PEOPLE CONGRESS FOR YORUBA PEOPLE and CAN [CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA ]

There is sometimes a likeness in political parties and pressure groups but also there are differences , the first being that political parties aim operate the machinery of the government while political parties aim to influence the government to their own interest. While political parties have various policies whereas pressure groups narrow their goals. Political parties can be held accountable for their actions, pressure groups are not actually held accountable. while pressure groups are disorganized political parties are very formal and organized. this is not only shows that they have differences but similarities for the fact that they both aim at making social changes. Pressure groups help to make democracy better and are acknowledged as beneficial but problems may arise when it is dominated by few specific groups. Because there is need for compromise in a democratic government in order to reach a common good but pressure groups remain stiff and would not compromise. It is a known fact that pressure groups are really beneficial but sometimes behave selfish and only want their interest achieved. Like ASUU this group helps but when they go strike, they put a stop to somethings, just to insist that the government takes up their interest.

TYPES OF PRESSURE GROUPS.

1Interest groups this groups representing the people in the society .CBI[CONFEDERATION OF BRISTISH INDUSTRY] known as the voice of business.

2Cause groups, these groups are known as promotion groups ,to promote particular causes. Any group that champions social movement is a cause group.

3Insider group and outsider group:Insider groups hold a connection to the government while the outsider group doesn’t have anyway in particular that they can influence the government.

4Anomic groups this group doesn’t even have a plan. This type of pressure group is formed as a result of the moment what happened in the moment. Cases like jungle justice fall under.

5Associational or non associational groups this associational group is formed with the appropriate authority while non associational groups are not formally organised.

Functions

Serves as a link to the government

Promotes participation in government

Dismissing of a government that poses to be dictatorial.

Championing of the rights of the minorities etc