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ASSIGNMENT: In about 2 pages, review chapter 15; “overview on the ideology of pressure group”

To mount pressure means to persuade someone one. A pressure group promotes its interest regarding an issue. The pressure group is referred to as the functional representative. Anifowose described pressure group as an interest group, lobby groups or even a protest group. What pressure groups seek to achieve is to ensure that government does their biddings. Pressure groups and political parties activities may sometimes appear similar, but they are different from each other. Also, pressure groups are not accountable for any of their actions, while political parties account for their actions.

Pressure group existence is to checkmate and make democracy better, also to treat the gaps in the democratic process.

The chapter explained insider groups and outsider groups

Insider groups are regularly consulted by the government. They have regular access to ministers or legislator. On the other hand, outsider groups have no access or links to the government and its machineries. They have to use other ways to have impact. Outsider groups change from time to time based on the party or government in power.

Anomic group have unpredictable actions and behaviors as they work based on the situation in the society. These groups are not guided by a particular system or rule.

It explained associational groups and non-associational groups. Associational groups are usually registered with the appropriate authorities in a state or country. While non associational groups are basically the opposite.

Functions of pressure groups

* Links government to the people
* Promotes participation in government
* Serves as a source of information to the government
* Curtailing of dictatorial tendencies
* Promotion of the interest of the minorities
* Influencing legislation