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AN OVERVIEW OF THE IDEA OF PRESSURE GROUP

Pressure group can be defined as group of people coming together to influence the government or government politics.The concept of pressure group was originated from the US and their motives is to represent the people and association through the use of pressure to influence government decisions and policies.Pressure group cannot be explained without group theory according to **ARUTHUR BENTLY.**The group theory are the basis of political life and rejection of statist abstractions also in Bently opinion is that group activities are determined by legislation,administration and adjudication.There is no society or country that exist without pressure group. It makes a particular group organized with the same interest whose basic aim is to put pressure on governmental organization with the purpose on any government law to its advantage . A pressure group contribute its interest regarding the issues.Examples of pressure groups include Trade union,bussiness and farming associations,churches,mosque etc while types of pressure groups are;

* ASSOCIATIONAL GROUP;The associational group are constitutional controlled example:student union,labour union.
* NON-ASSOCIATIONAL GROUP; there are not constitutionally controlled examples are the Ethinic group, euracial group,linguists
* INSTITUTIONAL GROUP;There are made up of professionals examples: the Nigerian bar association(NBA)represents the lawyer and solicitors while the Nigerian medical association (NMA) represents the doctors purpose and the academic staff union of universities (ASUU) which brings out the purpose of academics and condition of learning in Nigerias universities.
* ANOMIC GROUP;They don’t have any association due to any existing event in the society.They are groups that are originated from certain events.This types of pressure groups naturally expresses their dissatisfaction with their rough acquisitions towards the government also the group create pressure on the country political system through protest,riot,assacination etc.example END SARS

Pressure

According to Anifowose(1999) pressure group is described as interest,lobby and even protest . Pressure group came to enhance or protect the sympathy of their member. Oyeleye in 1998 . Pressure group seek to achieve is to ensure government fulfil their request . Pressure group through the right means are able make government listen to them . These groups inspire both public administration and political structure of the society and in the forms of religious, business, educational, ethnic oriented, gender, economic or social for example ASUU, NBA , Arewa peoples congress(APC) representing the hausa tribe, Nigeria labour congress (NLC). Pressure groups and political parties may appear similar but they are different from each other. The first aim is that the political parties want to gain government power while on the other hand pressure group does not want to gain power but their aim is to persuade the political decision. The second is that political parties have a wide range of policies besides that pressure group narrow their goals . Pressure groups are not accountable for their actions while political parties get responsible for their actions for example, when you vote for a political parties during election period that makes them accountable . there are similarities between them which are that come together to achieve certain social changes

Functions of pressure groups

1. Links government to the people
2. Promotes participation in government
3. Serving as sources of information to government
4. Curtailing of dictatorial tendencies
5. Promotion of the interest of the minority
6. Influencing legislation

Pressure groups lobbying

Pressure groups lobby in so many ways. They lobby with governmental officials directly e.g they lobby legislators,ministers and other government machineries. They might sometimes lobby these government officials through friends,spouses, children and other relatives

pressure group Striking

Pressure groups knows the best time to strike the government decision on policies to get audiences or attention from the people and government