**AN OVERVIEW OF THE IDEA OF PRESSURE GROUP**

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INTRODUCTION

Pressure groups are very important in the world we live in today, without pressure human right violations and oppression would have been the backbone of government administrations around the world. According to Anifowose pressure group is described as “interest groups, lobby groups or even protest groups. Pressure groups promote its interest regarding issues. This makes pressure groups a forma or organized body with a common goal is to put pressure on any government policies and law to its own advantage. Without pressure groups in Nigeria, rape would have still been an occurring violent oppression against woman and nothing would be done about it, without pressure groups in Nigeria. Teacher in federal universities would have silently starved at their jobs. Pressure groups are voice of the society to the government ears.

Pressure groups come into existence to complement, enhance, or even protect the interest of their members or groups. Pressure groups are identified organizations that represent a group and seeks to achieve government does their bidding when its unjustly obstructing the pursuit of happiness of the group. Some examples of pressure groups in Nigeria are; ASUU(academic staff union for universities), NBA (Nigerian Bar association), NMA (Nigerian medical association). Some international pressure groups are the LGBT (Gay association) , BLM (black lives matter groups). These pressure groups serve the purpose of it a group and targets a common goal of happiness and human right. Pressure groups and politics are very much intertwined. Political parties and pressure groups activities may sometimes appear similar, but they differ. pressure groups existence is the checkmate and make democracy better to compensate for the tyranny of majority of people in the society.

TYPES OF PRESSURE GROUPS

INTEREST GROUPS

This group is also seen as sectional groups, representing the people in the society for example, the trade units, for instace CBI (confederation of British industries) known as the voice of business in the country and in Nigeria, convention on business integration.

CAUSE GROUPS

These groups are promotion groups which seek to promote particular causes, for example, charities, breast cancer awareness groups, environmental activist groups, End Sars protest groups. Any group the champions social movement is also seen as “cause groups” even though the group lacls formal structure. It is always aimed at achieving a single objective.

INSIDER AND OUTSIDER GROUPS

Insider groups regularly consulted by government. They have regular access to ministries on legislators. E.g. The Nigerian bar association. The insider group may be high or low in profile, nevertheless they intend to have influence on government mission and visions. Outsider groups have no access or links to the government and its machineries. They have to use to have an impact e.g. animal liberation front.

ANOMIC GROUPS.

Groups here have unpredictable actions and behaviours as they work based on the moment and situation in the society. These groups are guided by an appropriate behavior rule, they sometimes acts violently e.g. protest, riots, strikes some times revolution

ASSOCIATED GROUPS AND NON-ASSOCIATIONAL GROUPS

Associational groups are registered with appropriate authorities in state or country. Also, these group have their own registered offices constitution and so on . while the non-association group are pressure group without a formal organization. Their arrangement ang gathering are by virtue of kinship or even family attachment, traditions even race.

FUNCTIONS OF PRESSURE GROUP.

* Links government to the people.
* Promotes participation in government
* Serving as sources of information to government.
* Curtailing of doctoral tendencies.
* Promotion of the interest of the minority.