Politics in the work place

Politics: Means influencing the allocation of scare resources; time, money, personnel, space.

Organizational structures

The design of the organization and who controls it are determined by who wields power and influence.

Types of organizational structures

Formal structures: Bureaucracy is a structure common to public service organization.

Characteristics

- 1. Formal standardization
- 2. Simple and well-defined lines of authority with centralized decision making
- 3. Impersonal relationships
- 4. Strict rules that discourage creativity

Informal structures: It develops from relationships and interactions that arise spontaneously.

It serves to:-

- 1. Perpetuate values
- 2. Provide social satisfaction
- 3. Disperse information
- 4.Exert control by influencing & regulation the behavior of the group members