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## Workplace Politics: You Can't Go to Work Without Them

**"Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics don't take an interest in you." - Pericles**

We are all aware that workplace politics exist. It might be something that we would prefer to ignore. Managers and leaders live in a world of conflict and scarce resources. The central task of management is to mobilize the resources needed to advocate and fight for the unit's or the organization's goals and objectives. A good leader is an advocate and negotiator who understands politics and is comfortable with conflict.

**Workplace politics as neither good nor bad, although it is important for us to distinguish between ethical and unethical political behavior.**

Being politically savvy is not about pushing others down or being untruthful to advance your own cause. Instead, it means building networks, and relationships with people inside and outside your company who can provide useful information and assistance. It means not picking fights over issues that aren't critical. It means informing others in the company about your contributions and accomplishments, and asking for advice and help, particularly from those senior to you.

Much of what often frustrates us at work has much to do with workplace politics as with any other challenges or problems we face each day. Workplace politics is not a new concept or fad. It is something that will always be part of going to work. **Workplace politics exist in every organization** to some degree, so you need to be able to recognize their effect and navigate their dynamics. Workplace politics are a natural result of the fact that people...

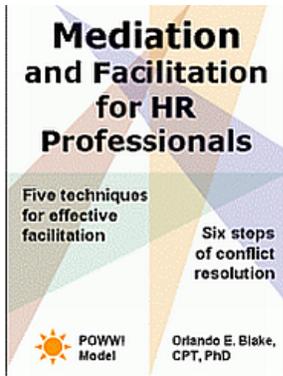
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For any questions related to mentoring, please contact me. I would be happy to learn more about your organization.

Sincerely,

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