

# How To Successfully Navigate Workplace Politics

HINT: Flip your perspective of what politics is and know that it's okay and even beneficial to play the game.

## If You Think ...

Office politics is a game of cutting corners and working the system to get things for yourself at the expense of others.

The "favorites" are rewarded with higher pay and promotions and cliques form to gain personal power.

Being politically savvy is all about being selfish, having a facade and acting inauthentic to advance you and your career ahead of others.

If you are politically savvy, you are a brown-noser, back-stabber and back-room dealer.

## Instead Think ...

Because of competing interests and ambiguity, politics is the air we breathe to bring transparency and clarity to our teams.

Being sincere & authentic, as well as using knowledge to be flexible & versatile, obtains goals that benefit myself & others.

Politics involves the sincere use of my skills, behaviors and qualities to remove uncertainty and obtain goals for the benefit the team.

Managers with political savvy are seen as better leaders and less likely to derail in their careers

