




Efficient Politics

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- What would efficient politics look like to a health service?
 - Could the previous government's IT plan be considered efficient?
 - The SCR – an example of efficient politics in action?



What is Politics?

Politics depends on our ability to persuade each other of common aims based on a common reality. It involves the compromise, the art of what's possible.

Barack Obama





What is Politics?

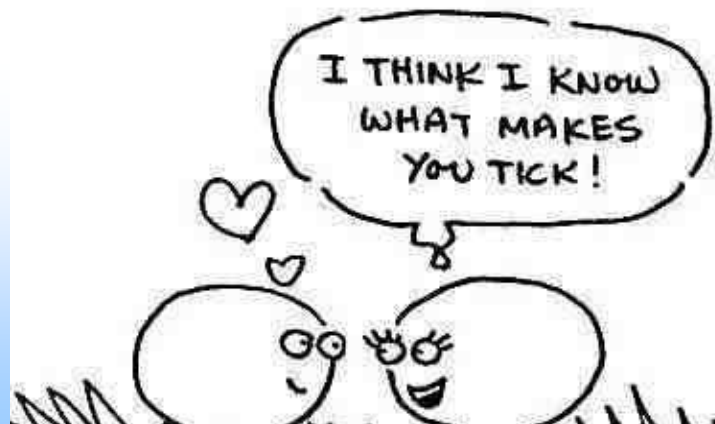
Politics is the art of looking for trouble,
finding it whether it exists or not,
diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying
the wrong remedy.

Ernest Benn



What is Politics?

Politics: n: Poly “many” + tics
“blood sucking parasites”



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What comprises efficient politics?

- Understanding the problem or current situation (or whether change is needed)
- Developing a solution or improvement (which is acceptable and achievable)
- Developing a delivery plan (which is deliverable)
- Ensuring competent delivery of the plan

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THE QUIZ



Understanding the situation

- Do you:
 - A) Ask the companies who wish to sell products in the area?
 - Or
 - B) Ask the workers and managers who know the situation, know what works and what doesn't and can see what could be improved?



Developing a solution

- Do you
 - A) Ask companies who would like to sell the solution to you to tell you what it should be?
 - Or
 - B) Work with the workers and management to develop a solution that will be implementable and will improve healthcare?



Developing a delivery plan

- Do you
 - A) Tell your chosen supplier what will be implemented and when?
 - Or
 - B) Allow the supplier to work with the workers and management to decide what the priorities are, and the best way of implementing change without adversely affecting ongoing care (including training)?



Ensuring competent delivery

- Do you
 - A) Set ‘must do’ deadlines, then add additional targets at your whim?
 - Or
 - B) State ‘Make it so Number One’ and walk away, leaving workers, management and suppliers to implement the changes, giving reports at milestones as agreed in the original plan?

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END OF QUIZ

REAL LIFE

vs.

POLITICS

I never change my mind, no matter what new facts arise.



STUBBORN IDIOT

I adjust my opinions based on the latest information.



WISE & RESPONSIBLE

I never change my mind, no matter what new facts arise.



STRONG LEADER

I adjust my opinions based on the latest information.



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The SCR – an example

- BMA opposes consent model, but agrees to work with the programme anyway.
- BMA agree to early adopters, fast followers, then an SHA wide roll out, but CfH decide to go for Accelerated Roll Out
- BMA point out the problem with capacity and competence at PCT level. CfH only act only after evidence is irrefutable



The SCR – an example

- BMA points out that the concept of presumed consent is only ethical (and possibly lawful) if the data subjects are aware of what is happening. CfH do not commission a further survey of knowledge of public following the revised PIP.



THE END

Anyone who says they are not interested in politics is like a drowning man who insists he is not interested in water.

Anon



A Final Tip From My Personal Coach

OFFICE WISDOM



Accept that some days you are the pigeon,
and some days you are the statue.