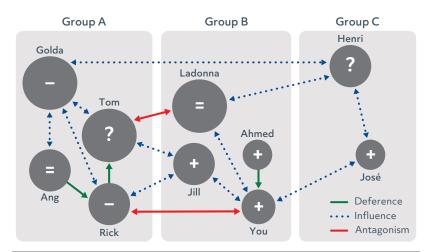
Stakeholder Mapping



Deference

Party A will almost certainly

- Do what Party B does, or
- Do what Party B advises, asks, or directs Party A to do

Sources of "deference"

- Hierarchical seniority
- Political power
- Personal respect, admiration
- Expertise, status, reputation
- "Horse-trading"

Influence

Party A is likely to

- Follow Party B's lead, or
- Do what Party B advises, asks, or directs Party A to do

Sources of "influence"

- Shared/aligned interests
- Perceived expertise
- Successful track record
- Personal affinity
- Common values

Antagonism

Party A will likely not

- Follow Party B's lead, or
- Do what Party B advises, asks, or directs Party A to do

Sources of "antagonism"

- Conflicting interests
- Perceived lack of expertise
- Personal animosity
- Competing political agendas



Stakeholder Mapping

1. Identify the stakeholders

- Think about who can make or approve a decision, and who could veto or derail it
- Also think about whose buy-in and support will be required for implementation

2. Assess where power resides

Think not only about who has formal power (based on title and hierarchy) but also about informal power (based on expertise, experience, reputation, etc.)

3. Analyze support and opposition

- Think about the different positive and negative consequences the decision or plan will create for different stakeholders to better understand their (actual or likely) opposition or support
- Don't assume opposition or support too quickly, without sufficient analysis

4. Analyze relationships among stakeholders

 Consider the context. Relationships of influence, deference and antagonism often vary depending on the specific decision or plan in question.

5. Develop an influence strategy

- Try to leverage early supporters to build momentum and persuade opposing stakeholders
- Be wary of failing to engage critical opposing stakeholders early enough in the process. Doing so may make them feel isolated and trigger even greater resistance.

