

## Politics-Administration and Public Policy: Some Explanations for Public Administration Community

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### Abstract

The quality of the policy making, the consistency between policy intent and the impact of policies when implemented, and the effectiveness, equity, and efficiency of the administrative process can all be affected by the nature of the interaction and relative influence of politicians and administration. Politics and administration should be thought of as different elements of the same process of formulating and implementing public policy. It is therefore, against this background that this paper investigates the relationship between politicians and public administrators in policy making. This is because policy formulators should work together with policy implementers because non-cooperation between the two will only lead to the success of policy in writing but failure in practice. This paper is conceptual in nature and that it derives its contribution and argument from the existing literature. This paper, *inter alia*, recommends that it is vital for politics and administrations to complement each other than to have them separated. The paper further recommends that there should be procedures and possible measures directed at limiting the notion of politics-administration dichotomy as it is practical in theory than in practice.

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