

HOW TO TURN OFFICE POLITICS TO YOUR FAVOR

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The term "office politics" has such a bad connotation that you might well forget it altogether. Since it's good for your career to get along with co workers, why not call it "social intelligence" instead? Start viewing "politics" as the developmental challenge of getting along with difficult people. "Most people aren't political enough," says Mike Murphy of the Signet Group, an outplacement firm in Chicago. "They want to bury their heads in the sand and hope the problem will go away. They don't realize you can't solve a problem by ignoring it." Two senior managers had trouble getting along, which was creating problems for their subordinates as well as the VP who supervised them. In a particularly astute political move, one manager decided to find ways to relate better to her (more volatile) colleague. She shared this goal with the VP, and together they brainstormed the possibilities. [Read More at EmploymentCrossing](#) Want to see which Manager jobs are available near you? [Click here](#) to see.

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