TYPES OF CONFLICT

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some points to note, first

- conflict is universal
- conflict is multi-dimensional
- most conflicts can be resolved through communication
- conflict, if not resolved, can be disruptive
- conflict can be positive or negative
- conflict can happen at all levels

what are the types of conflict?

largely, there are four types of conflict:

intrapersonal conflict interpersonal conflict intragroup conflict intergroup conflict

intrapersonal conflict

- Conflict that occurs within an individual.
- Internal conflict
- More of a psychological inquiry
- Generally involves the individual's thoughts, values, principles and emotions.
- Can come in a variety of scales such as small decisions to major decisions
- If it is significant and unchecked or unsupported, it can lead to restlessness and uneasiness, or can even cause depression.

interpersonal conflict

- Conflict between two individuals.
- Occurs due to differences of opinion.
- May occur due to miscommunication and lack of clarity.
- A natural and normal occurrence
- It can help personal growth and developing your relationships with others.
- Adjustments are necessary to manage it.
- When it gets too destructive, calling in a mediator would help so as to have it resolved.

intragroup conflict

- Happens among individuals within a team.
- Misunderstandings within a group cause it.
- Arises from disagreements or differences in views and ideas.
- Can be helpful in coming up with decisions to reach objectives as a team.
- It may need assistance from outside to settle and bring to an end.

intergroup conflict

- Takes place when a misunderstanding arises among different teams within an organization.
- Due to the varied sets of goals and interests of these different groups.
- Competition also contributes for intergroup conflict to arise.
- Rivalry in resources or the boundaries set by a group to others may result in this.

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