Organizational politics is a sometimes controversial topic and it can be particularly difficult for women leaders. This often leaves women leaders with a limited set of choices—embrace it as a necessary evil, engage half-heartedly or refuse to play the game. Research has found that politically savvy leaders have better career prospects. Leaders who stumble through political realities are missing opportunities, connections, and resources.

While the term political skill generally elicits negative perceptions, it isn’t inherently a bad thing. Politics are a neutral and natural part of everyday life in organizations and a skilled leader understands that it is a necessary strategic choice.

**This session will help the audience reflect on and potentially reframe their relationship with organizational politics.**

**This session is designed to help you:**

- Understand organizational politics and examine why they exist and how they function
- Assess your political environment and gain awareness of your own feelings
- Increase your political savvy and practice four key skills to better navigate organizational politics

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*Please note that this session is designed for those who identify as women, but the learnings are relevant to all genders, and everyone is welcome to attend.*