








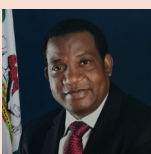





















The Senate: Retirement Home for Governors

The Senate is a target for many Nigerian governors as a reward system for poor governance. Many of them believe moving to the red chamber is a retirement plan.

On February 25, during the federal elections, **9 sitting governors** including some of the G-5 governors contested for senatorial seats in their constituencies, but only 2 were successful.

S/N	GOVERNOR	PARTY	STATE GOVERNOR	CONSTITUENCY	WIN/LOSS
1	 David Umahi		Ebonyi	Ebonyi South	
2	 Sani Bello		Niger	Niger North	
3	 Ben Ayade		Cross River	Cross River North	
4	 Simon Lalong		Plateau	Plateau South	
5	 Abubakar Bagudu		Kebbi	Kebbi Central	
6	 Darius Ishaku		Taraba	Taraba South	
7	 Samuel Ortom		Benue	Benue Northwest	
8	 Okezie Ikpeazu		Abia	Abia South	
9	 Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi		Enugu	Enugu North	

What was their track record when they were governors? When re-elections for public servants are seen as referendums on performance, we should have improved governance outcomes.