## CRAZY FACTS ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION OF NIGERIA'S ECONOMY!

Many are mad, few are on the streets, but most are online.

Even with everything going on in Nigeria right now, she still remains the home of memes in Africa. We've mastered the art of turning frustrations into humor. Imagine a government so frustrating that the people have nicknamed it "T-Pain"—meaning "Temporary Pain." The reasoning is that this pain is only temporary and will eventually lead to growth and prosperity for the country in the long-run. But, if we're being honest, it feels like Nigeria has adapted to this "temporary" pain turning into something more permanent!



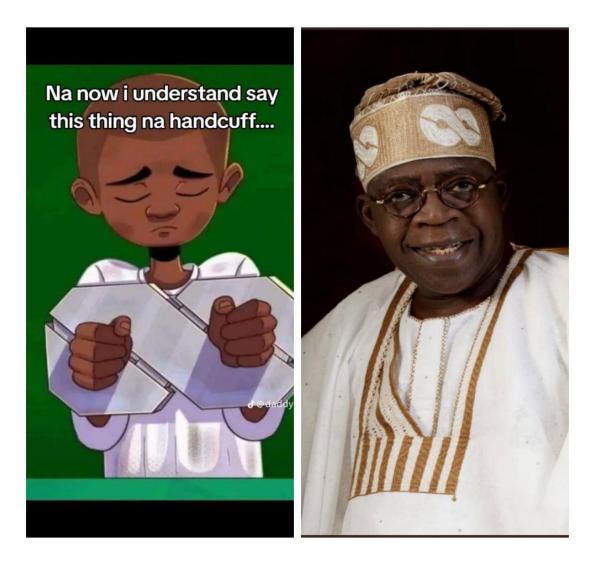
I was scrolling through social media a few days ago and saw a senator post something titled "Eleven Situations That Unite Nigerians." I was captivated by the heading, I clicked to read more, but the first comment got me: "Five situations that unite Nigerian politicians." Nigerians really don't hold back when it comes to our leaders! They're always ready to bombard back.



If you think a politician is widely loved, just wait for the opposing supporters to flood the internet with facts and arguments to change your mind. In Nigeria, we don't just debate—our politicians taught us to use facts and figures!

A friend recently said to me, "Nigeria is just one big cruise. No matter how tough things get, as long as you have data, sorrow won't finish you." Little wonder they say "data is life!" The online streets are filled with people ready for "vawulence" at every opportunity. There are the initiators of the vawluence, the commenters, the readers, and then those who spread the drama across various platforms.

A few months ago, someone noticed that the design on our president's cap resembled handcuffs. The theory online? We're all suffering because we voted in a president who literally "chained" us with the handcuffs on his cap. Can you imagine? No respect for that office from the masses at all!



Nigerians never seem to appreciate their government until the next one arrives. During Goodluck Jonathan's tenure, we complained about the high rate of kidnappings and

demanded change. Buhari came in with his "APC – Change!" slogan, but it wasn't long before people began complaining even louder. By the time Bola Ahmed Tinubu took office in 2023, things skyrocketed so quickly that people had no energy left to complain. Hunger has a way of silencing even the loudest critics. Na person wey chop get energy to complain about government!



The cost of living tripled and price of commodities increased drastically with no mercy over low-income earners. Some of the masses even believed that whether you complain or not, the government will only do what will favor them more and the masses less. As a result of this, the only way people then express their aggression is in the online space which has increased the rate of crazy folks in the online space.

Just last weekend, Kaduna State had their local government elections. The news reported that a particular political party won in all the local government areas. I couldn't help but mutter, "Oluwa, this Nigeria won't kill me!" How does a party that barely has public support win everywhere? One interviewee mentioned that in some local government zones, no election even took place, yet results were announced. Like, how?

Sometimes, I sit and wonder how the government views the masses. It's as if they see us as chickens they can control with a few pennies during elections and silence us during their administration.



This current administration has worsened the economy temporarily (at least that's what we're told) with hopes of a long-term positive effect. The removal of the fuel subsidy has destabilized the economy, hiking the cost of living even more. Farmers and industries can barely transport goods to consumers due to the high fuel costs.

Yes, removing the subsidy might be a good idea in theory, but there are some other factors that need to be kept in place in order to reduce poverty in the society. People are struggling to feed, and the naira has lost so much value that currencies from countries far less developed now surpass ours. What 1,000 naira could buy just a few years ago can barely feed one person for a day now.

The pain is real, but we keep hoping for a better Nigeria.

God bless Nigeria.