

# Restructuring or Acculturing of Nigeria by Gregory Ekhator

Will restructuring Nigeria change the  
attitude of Nigerians towards  
Nigeria?



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# Introduction

Thank you for purchasing a copy of this book or downloading the ebook. This book aims to give unique perspectives and insights into Nigeria. Exploring the myriad opportunities in her problems.

This book is perhaps like no other you have read before, as it is one of the first books to be converted from a series of related Articles and Blog posts. The research question guiding every chapter of this book is: Will restructuring change the attitude of Nigerians to Nigeria? Metaphorically speaking: Should the cart be pulling the horse or the horse pulling the cart?

## Key Subjects:

- Nigeria today, position in the world and achievements?
- Recurring underlying problems which restructuring may not solve?
- Opportunities existing in the problems including digital technology
- Foreseeing result of constructing, restructuring or destructing Nigeria from the perspective of Nigerians as interactively blogged live.

This book is the culmination of my passionate study/experience of Nigeria, the articles and intense discussions i have had with fellow Nigerians. A contribution to the existing body of work, and roadmap for generations to come. Nigeria is uniquely positioned in the world, and to whom much is given, much is expected.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory Ekhaton', with a stylized, cursive script.

Gregory Ekhaton

# About The Author

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Gregory Ehiwemwenze Ekhatator, known as Greg by his friends was born on 2nd February, 1970 in the small English town of Stafford, England. He is the first child of 5 (one now late) of his parents Reuben and Magdalene

Ekhaton, who are also authors in their own right. Greg moved to Nigeria with his parents when he was 5 years old, which was the norm back then in the mid-seventies with returning Nigerian diasporans to develop the motherland.

Gregory, attended primary and secondary school in Benin City (at the time, the 4th largest city) in Nigeria. He continued his education at the University of Benin, achieving his first degree. He discovered his passion for Nigeria at University when in the company of like minded firebrands who were fed-up with corruption and mis-governance that culminated in the 1989 SAP protests that spread through out the nation and brought it to a standstill for 3 days during Babagida's military regime.

He relocated back to the UK working as a professional and acquiring all the professional skills and experience as a digital producer, elearning, ebusiness architect and publisher.

## Expertise

Greg Ekhaton is also a publisher, digital marketer and training software producer. As a qualified and certified e-learning architect, he has written many articles on this subject. He is a passionate evangelist of the "Creative economy" manifesting in Nigeria; indeed for the whole of Africa as we transform our indigenous technology into data goldmines.

He has a total of 14 years in the elearning industry working with a range of clients from small SME, the educational institutions all the way to fortune 100 blue chip companies such as IBM, Vodafone and Marriot Vacation Club.

## Personal

Greg loves writing, creating, and contributing to society meaningfully. When he is not working or busy with social media activism, he is relaxing with family or watching football with friends. He is also strictly non-partisan

with his politics, especially because he doesn't see Nigerian politicians operating with any ideology whatsoever apart from great affinity for

source of funding. During the last political cycle, he is known to have “ready made post replies” for his social media friends who attempted to pigeon-hole him with partisan jibes. See Chapter on Nigerian **politics** .



# Blog to E-Book by Debonair Publisher (Intro)

As an ebusiness solution architect and elearning director; I have published and marketed books for a lot of clients. This typically involves the client coming up with the manuscript and the cycles of editing that usually occurs with authoring a book. However web technology is fast changing this, because with today's social media technology, the manuscripts are already written in many blogs. All that is needed is: intelligent software programs that can extract related blog entries, bunch them into articles, edit the articles into flowing chapters, and voila! You have your authored E-book that can be professionally edited, then printed into a printed paperback book.

As a Nigerian Brit i have been passionate about Nigeria, as well as Britain. So here is a book about Nigeria and Britain, from the existing Blog's, Notes and Articles i have written about both countries over the last ten years.

To make this as immersive and engaging as possible, i will be giving a running blog commentary of the production of the E-Book. This book consists of 4 parts:

1. My analysis of Nigeria's strength's and still pregnant potential, laced with some history.
2. Nigeria's seemingly intractable problems and proffered solutions.
3. Contrast of Britain versus Nigeria politics, economy and culture.
4. Lessons the British must learn from Nigeria and Nigeria from Britain to survive.

As part of the promotion of this E-Book, the top 10 contributors to Debonair

blog with entries will win a free download copy of the E-Book. Book 2

# Chapter 1: Summary

Chapter 1: This is a short Summary of each chapter

chapter 2: Great Nigeria and the competing primordial forces gives a brief history of the ethnic powerplays in Nigeria

Chapter 3: Blaming the West vs taking responsibility - Details the opportunities lost by continually blaming instead of taking responsibility and moving on. In addition it has great contributions from users, similar to the situated learning discussion in Plato's Republic.

Chapter 4: Digital technology opportunities amidst Nigeria beyond crude oil, which are booming. since the last administration and more so now.

Chapter 5: World history in brief to show Nigeria's situation is not really peculiar, and as such we should get on with it.

Chapter 6: Forseeing a restructured Nigeria amidst the tribalism and disunity brouhaha. This one has an excellent speech from the current Emir of Kano, before he became Emir while at the launch of a book.

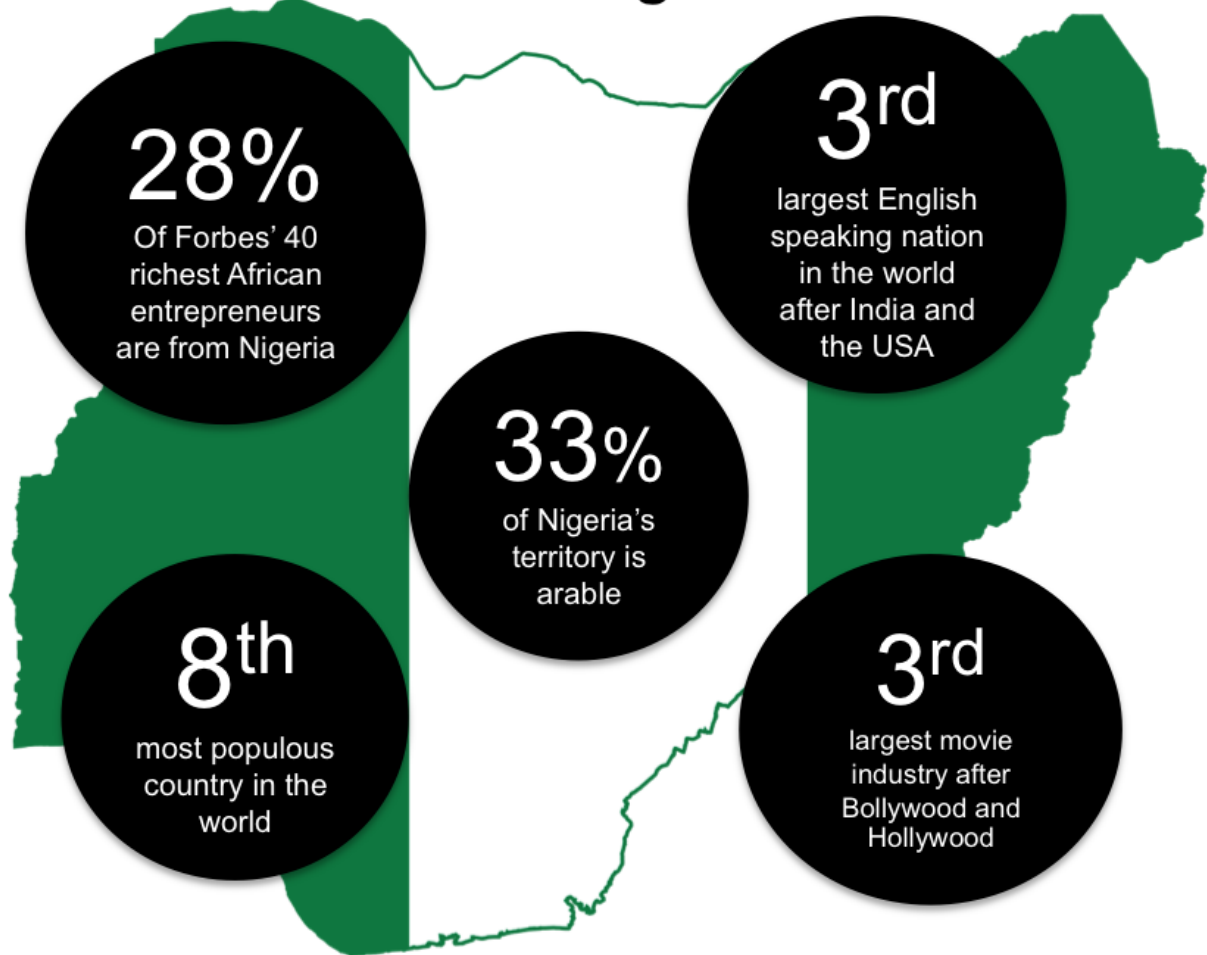
Chapter 7: Nigerian political ideology or the lack of it, and an experiment to attempt to formulate one.

Chapter 8: A riveting piece with profound socratic contributions on Nigeria's moral compass.

Continued in Book 2

# Chapter 2: Great Nigeria: The competing forces, 1914 till date

## 5 Things you may not know about Nigeria...



In 2017, “Restructuring” is the buzz-word, with little thought for what it means or the end product.

“Acculturing” (present participle tense of Acculturation) seems what should be the buzzword. This book will detail many habits that are now woven into our culture to make "restructuring" without acculturing almost completely wasteful.

Most Nigerians will recall when they were children, being taught in school –“ the children are the leaders of tomorrow and Nigeria is a country with great potential yet to be realised.” That was a good 40 years plus ago, and it still seems true as said recently in last presidential election social media commentary.

However, taking stock, there has been some potential manifested, some manifesting right now, and plenty more yet to be manifested by us who were the children back then. Although we have now all grown up; If we dare use the axiom; We are yet to really: "Take the bull by the horn."

To paraphrase Ben Hurr, "Where are we now, where are we going, and how the are we going to get there?"

## **Where are we now?**

Data (July 2017)

Nigeria is named for the Niger River that flows through the West of the country to the Atlantic Ocean; from a native term "Ni Gir" meaning "River Gir"

Most populous black nation on earth; meaning any cultural trend in Nigeria, has potential of affecting all of the world's black race. The infectiousness of Nollywood movies even with Caribbean and African Americans is a shining example. Nigeria is said to be the 3rd biggest movie industry in the world after Hollywood, and Bollywood.

In addition, as shown in the image, 28% of Forbes' 40 richest entrepreneurs are from Nigeria. Nigeria is through third largest English speaking nation in the world after India and USA and the 8th most populous country in the world.

Population: 190,632,261, (190.6 million Nigerian citizens)

GDP (PPP):

\$1.1 trillion

2.7% growth

4.7% 5-year compound annual growth

\$6,108 per capita

Inflation (CPI):

9.0%

FDI Inflow:

\$3.1 billion - The highest in Africa in 2013, mainly due to comparatively

large ratio of percentage of population in diaspora, remitting money



home to Nigeria. Actually after Crude oil, the next highest FOREX earner for Nigeria is FDI

This data is according to the CIA world fact book:

Ethnic groups:

Nigeria, Africa's most populous country, is composed of more than 250, some say more than 300 ethnic groups; the most populous and politically influential are: Hausa and the Fulani 29%, Yoruba 21%, Igbo (Ibo) 18%, Ijaw 10%, Kanuri 4%, Ibibio 3.5%,

Tiv 2.5%

Source: University of Texas Library

It is worthy of note that within any credible reportage of population distribution in Nigeria, there is a strong political undertone, for instance in the data here, the Hausa and Fulani are reported as one figure ie 29%, and to a large extent they can truly be reported as one figure because of their unity bonds. On the other hand the Edo and Urhobo ethnic groups (even though they are originally one ethnic group) are not represented in this ethnicity distribution, most likely because they both don't stress their unity nearly as enough as the others. If the Edo + Urhobo had a strong bond, combined, their population percentage is higher than Ibibio and almost as much as Kanuri, at 3.95 percent.

This clearly shows one of the hazards of restructuring along intangible ethnic lines, especially because the motivation for unity between ethnic groups can be readily manipulated by politicians. The perpetuation of the entitlement mentality stems mainly from this.

Languages:

English (official), Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo (Ibo), Fulani, over 500 additional indigenous languages

Religions:

Muslim 50%, Christian 40%, indigenous beliefs 10%

Age structure:

0-14 years: 42.79% (male 40,744,956/female 38,870,303)

15-24 years: 19.48% (male 18,514,466/female 17,729,351)

25-54 years: 30.65% (male 29,259,621/female 27,768,368)

55-64 years: 3.96% (male 3,595,293/female 3,769,986)

65 years and over: 3.12% (male 2,754,040/female 3,047,002) (2016 est.)

Urbanization:

urban population: 49.4% of total population (2017)

rate of urbanization: 4.3% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Major urban areas - population:

Lagos 13.123 million; Kano 3.587 million; Ibadan 3.16 million; ABUJA (capital)

2.44 million; Port Harcourt 2.343 million; Benin City 1.496 million (2015)

HIV/AIDS - adult prevalence rate:

2.9% (2016 est.)

country comparison to the world: 21

HIV/AIDS - people living with HIV/AIDS:

3.2 million (2016 est.)

country comparison to the world: 2

HIV/AIDS - deaths:

160,000 (2016 est.)

country comparison to the world: 1

Literacy

definition: age 15 and over can read and write

total population: 59.6%

male: 69.2%

female: 49.7% (2015 est.)

Citizenship:

citizenship by birth: no

citizenship by descent only: at least one parent must be a citizen of Nigeria

dual citizenship recognized: yes

residency requirement for naturalization: 15 years

Judicial branch:

highest court(s): Supreme Court (consists of the chief justice and 15

justices)

judge selection and term of office: judges appointed by the president on

the recommendation of the National Judicial Council, a 23-member independent body of federal and state judicial officials; judge

appointments confirmed by the Senate; judges serve until age 70  
subordinate courts: Court of Appeal; Federal High Court; High Court of the Federal Capital Territory; Sharia Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory; Customary Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory; state court system similar in structure to federal system

GDP (purchasing power parity):

\$1.089 trillion (2016 est.)

\$1.108 trillion (2015 est.)

\$1.08 trillion (2014 est.)

note: data are in 2016 dollars

GDP - per capita (PPP)

\$5,900 (2016 est.)

\$6,200 (2015 est.)

\$6,200 (2014 est.)

note: data are in 2016 dollars

Gross national saving:

13.1% of GDP (2016 est.)

12.4% of GDP (2015 est.)

16% of GDP (2014 est.)

GDP - composition, by end use:

household consumption: 79%

government consumption: 7.2%

investment in fixed capital: 14.2%

investment in inventories: 0.7%

exports of goods and services: 9%

imports of goods and services: -10.1% (2016 est.)

GDP - composition, by sector of origin:

agriculture: 21.1%

industry: 19.4%

services: 59.5% (2016 est.)

Agriculture - products:

cocoa, peanuts, cotton, palm oil, corn, rice, sorghum, millet, cassava

(manioc, tapioca), yams, rubber; cattle, sheep, goats, pigs; timber; fish  
Industries:

crude oil, coal, tin, columbite; rubber products, wood; hides and skins,

textiles, cement and other construction materials, food products, footwear,  
chemicals, fertilizer, printing, ceramics, steel

Industrial production growth rate:

-4.7% (2016 est.)

country comparison to the world: 193

Labor force:

58.8 million (2016 est.)

country comparison to the world: 11

Labor force - by occupation:

agriculture: 70

industry: 10

services: 20% (1999 est.)

Unemployment rate:

13.9% (2016 est.)

23.9% (2016 est.)

Note the two percentages are one before recession and the other after  
recession.

country comparison to the world: 156

Population below poverty line:

70% (2010 est.)

Exports:

\$33.27 billion (2016 est.)

\$45.89 billion (2015 est.)

country comparison to the world: 55

Exports - commodities:

petroleum and petroleum products 95%, cocoa, rubber (2012 est.)

Exports - partners:

India 17%, Netherlands 8.9%, Spain 8.5%, Brazil 8.5%, South Africa 5.6%,  
France 5.4%, Japan 4.7%, Cote d'Ivoire 4.3%, Ghana 4.2% (2015)

Imports:

\$36.4 billion (2016 est.)

\$52.33 billion (2015 est.)

NOTE THE DROP IN IMPORTS, WHICH BALANCES TRADE DEFICIT

country comparison to the world: 56

Imports - commodities:

machinery, chemicals, transport equipment, manufactured goods,  
food and live animals

Imports - partners:

China 25.9%, US 6.5%, Netherlands 6.1%, India 4.3% (2015)

Reserves of foreign exchange and gold:

\$23.47 billion (31 December 2016 est.)

\$29.07 billion (31 December 2015 est.)

country comparison to the world: 56

Communications :: NIGERIA

Telephones - fixed lines: total subscriptions: 187,155 subscriptions per  
100 inhabitants: less than 1 (July 2015 est.) country comparison to the  
world: 130

Telephones - mobile cellular: total: 150.83 million  
subscriptions per 100 inhabitants: 83 (July 2015 est.) country  
comparison to the world: 9

NOTE THE ADVANTAGE NIGERIA HAS HERE RELATIVE TO THE WORLD THAT  
SHOWS UP IN WORLD POSITION

#H5P OF GROWTH IN MOBILE TELEPHONY INDUSTRY, THE CURRENT  
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Telephone system: general assessment: further expansion and  
modernization of the fixed-line telephone network is needed; network  
quality remains a problem domestic: fixed-line subscription remains only  
about 1 per 100 persons;

Mobile-cellular services growing rapidly, in part responding to the  
shortcomings of the fixed-line network; multiple cellular providers  
operate nationally with subscription base over 80 per 100 persons

international: country code - 234; landing point for the SAT-3/WASC  
fiberoptic  
submarine cable that provides connectivity to Europe and Asia;

satellite earth stations - 3 Intelsat (2 Atlantic Ocean and 1 Indian Ocean)  
(2015)

Broadcast media: nearly 70 federal government-controlled  
national and regional TV stations; all 36 states operate TV stations;

several private TV stations operational; cable and satellite TV subscription  
services are available; network of federal government controlled national,  
regional, and state radio stations; roughly 40 state government-owned  
radio stations typically carry their own programs except for news  
broadcasts; about 20 private radio stations;  
transmissions of international broadcasters are available (2007)

Internet country code: .ng Internet users: total: 25.7% (July 2016 est.)  
percent of population: 47,759,904 (July 2015 est.) country comparison to  
the world: 9

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#H5P OF GROWTH IN INTERNET, DIGITAL DATA, LEARNING AND SECURITY  
INDUSTRY, THE CURRENT BENEFICIARIES AND FUTURE SCENARIOS 3D ASSETS  
WITH INVESTMENT IN TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING TRAINING = PLUGIN DVS  
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**Success and solution/opportunity facts** ~ Data on economic freedom  
source: <http://www.heritage.org/index/...>

As of July 2017 there are signs of growth out of the recession but not yet  
completely out of it <http://www.focus-economics.com...>

Nigeria is the least overall taxed country in the world in the free  
economy bracket

Nigeria has the highest freedom of labour in the  
world <http://www.heritage.org/index/...>

Nigeria is now exporting more than she is importing  
goods <http://country.eiu.com/nigeria>

In football monthly world ranking: Nigeria ranks 39 in July 2017



THE ABOVE FOUR PLUS THE MOBILE TELEPHONY AND INTERNET

PROLIFERATION DEPICT A BUMPER HARVEST OF OPPORTUNITIES, FOR THOSE INVESTED IN THE LONG-TERM.

### **Failure and real problem/Opportunity facts**

Rated 205th growth rate of -1.70 as economy contracts due to recession as well fighting corruption to recoup funds from the corrupt. <https://www.cia.gov/library/pu...>

The Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) - Rated 136 out of 176 countries and scored 28.0

The KOF Index of Globalization measures the economic, social, and political dimensions of globalization in each country. Rated 103 out of 192 with a score 52.32

Management Index (Political Leadership Towards Democracy and a Market Economy) . Rated 93rd of 129 countries with a score 4.06

The Networked Readiness Index (NRI) - 119 out of 139 rated countries with an index of 3.15. The highest was Singapore with 6.04.

(NRI) evaluates how conducive a country is to the development of a network of information and communication technologies

<https://globaledge.msu.edu/cou...>

From the above success and failures, myriad of opportunities can be gleaned by searching entrepreneurs. All the data on Nigeria's failure, points to lack of competent manpower both in policy making and the technocrats implementing the policies. Especially the lack of capacity in industry to produce from seized opportunities in the market. A KEY component for technological development is ELECTRICITY SUPPLY. This has been a major huddle in the past, however in 2017 about 75% of Nigeria reluctantly agree there has been a little improvement in generation and distribution of electric power to them.

The I.T sector which is classified as the Service sector is still one of the fastest

growing sectors, and once Nigeria emerges from the recession , the bounce should be at least double the current performance as predicted by the Economist for 2018.

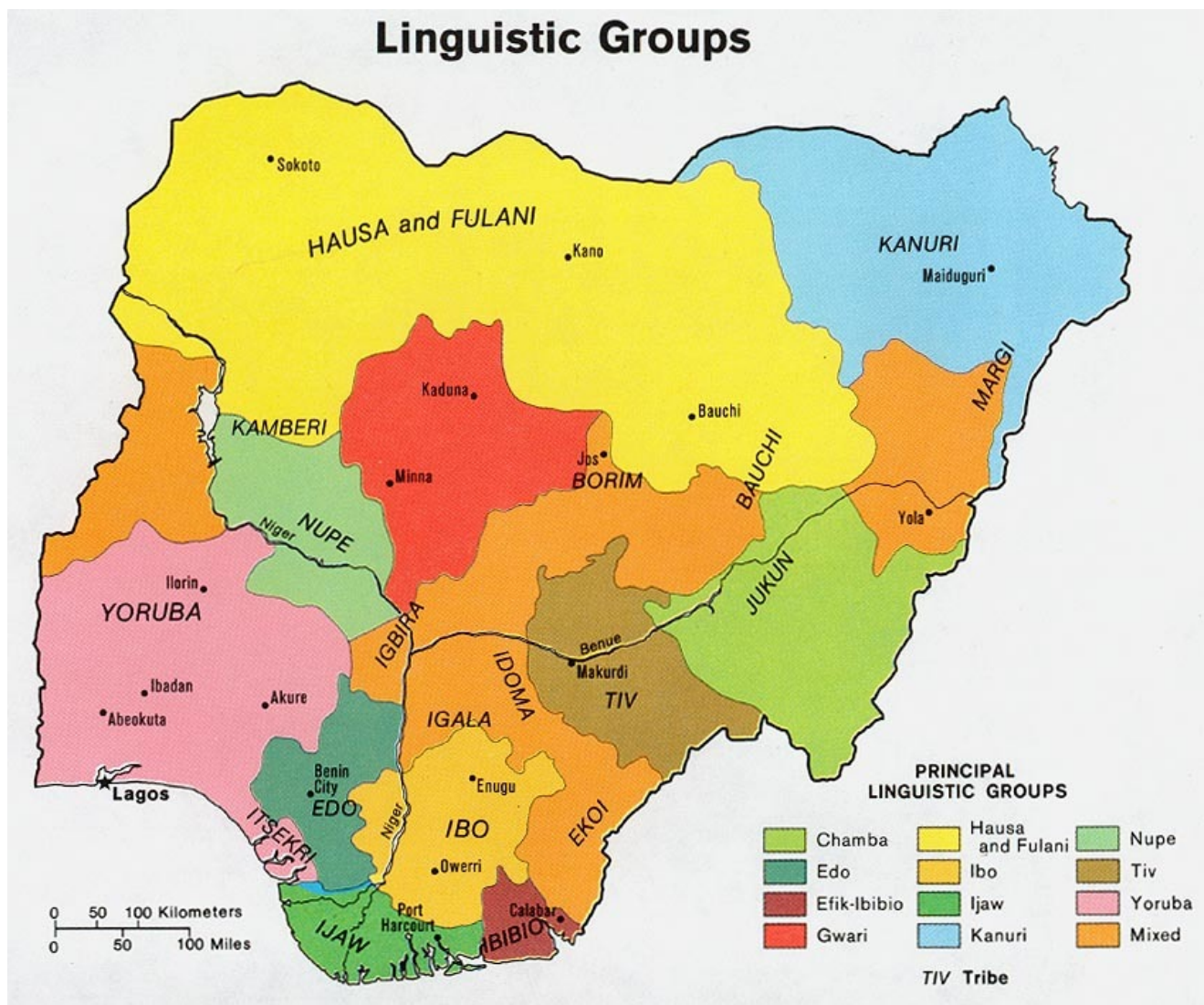
Nigeria is still referred to as potentially one of the richest countries in the

world, and for very good reason. Apart from the mentioned reasons above; the uniqueness of Nigeria, the make up, and constituent natural resources makes Nigeria potentially the envy of the world. However like most good things in this world, it comes with responsibility and failure to have this "Responsibility" translates what is a blessing to be instead a curse.

For every development and .progress made by Nigeria, she is hounded by how much more she could have accomplished if not for her intractable problems and errors that she seemingly can't or refuses to learn from them and in-turn solve them.

However, to be cautious and not to throw away the proverbial "baby with the bath-water", let us count Nigeria's blessings, progress so far, while also doing analysis of how much more Nigerians could have done and why it wasn't done then and perhaps not yet doing it now?

Which leads us to study the history of Nigeria and the primordial forces raging beneath her belly.



Source: University of Texas Library

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## PRIMORDIAL FORCES IN NIGERIA

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In Nigeria there is a figure of speech: "Where there is smoke, there is fire.": Most of the intractable problems in Nigeria persist because of the backlog failure of leadership, the failure to address issues sufficiently, or to bring healing and reconciliation to aggrieved sides.

The image below shows one such aggrieved people in a protest. These are bare-chested senior citizens, women who are mothers. They will never forget this day, their children and grand children won't neither. This is just one example of a stirred primordial force, because the taboo and emotional energy lingers in the mind of any oppressed person [Nigerian oppression meaning =1], compounded by the transferrable aggression.



This is a summary of the primordial tribal forces at work in Nigeria and how the Fulani managed to maintain a power base in Nigeria. There are links for further studies throughout (directly in the e-book version).

Nigeria's ethnic make-up is comprised of: in the north Hausa's / Fulani's, who are mostly Muslims, but they are surrounded by minority northern ethnic groups (tribes) such as Kanuri in the North east, Tivs, Igalas, Junkuns, Nupes, Zango-Katafs, and Biroms in the north central.

In the south. There are the two major ethnic groups ie Yoruba and Igbo who are mainly Christian or indigenous African believers. The southerners are surrounded by many tribes such as Efik and Ibibio, Ijaw and Edo in the South south. There are many sub-tribes with their dialects in the south south too, such as Urhobo, kwale and Esan.

([Okonofua, 2011](#), [Crowder, 1978](#); [Onwubiko, 1972](#); [Sagay, 2008](#))

In Nigeria there is this term called Hausa-Fulani Hegemony, with the South

easterners incendiary allegation of the Northerners having this “Born to rule” mentality. The ancestor's of the Fulani, the Fula people originate from Sudan. Therefore all of northern Nigeria, even into south such as Ilorin and Auchi, part of Edo state, is systemically and indirectly controlled by the Fula people first through Jihad conquest and/or then subtly through religion. The ethno-religious primordial forces are intertwined because of this and the balancing of this is also what makes it delicate and political. It works out about 50% muslim, 40% Christian, 10% indigenous beliefs ([CIA World Factbook, 2010](#)).

It starts with the Fulani Jihad ([Onwubiko, 1972](#)) in 1804 with the Fula people conquering the indigenous hausa people led by Uthman Dan Fodio, with his victory over the army of Mohammed Yunfa, King of Gobir. This was followed by other Hausa states such as Katsina all the way to Kebbi and beyond. The conquest continued into non-hausa states such as Ilorin and Auchi. Adamawa (1806), Nupe (1810), Ilorin (1835), ([Onwubiko, 1972, 1982](#)).

The nomadic cattle-herding nature of the Fulani further gave them an edge in succeeding with the Jihad which was now almost complete. This was in the early 1800's and religious form of partimoniaism was the prevalent system of government at the time. The power structure was not like today with a constitution but rather power flowed from the Sultan to the appointed Muslim Ummah's and military leaders as well as appointees to lord over and control the northern masses. The power originated from the spiritual and cultural capital. Of course this was all mixed with religion and piety so the authority was near absolute at the time.

In 2017, not much has changed in the north concerning the power structure and allegiance to who the powerful hausa-fulani oligarchy appoints. One thing the Northerners do have over the Southerners is oneness in voice especially cemented by religion. [C. Wright Mills \(1956\)](#).

Theocratic power was wielded by the Sultan of Sokoto in a Caliphate and this is how he maintained control, until the British came during colonisation and amalgamation in 1914. The British found it convenient to employ

indirect rule of the northern subjects because their reward system of not interfering with religious or cultural control of the people was working fine with them, in contrast with the level of cooperation they were getting from the south especially the South easterners who were always intransigent and asking for independence. This is what the last British governor general is quoted as saying of Nigerian regional leaders:

"The northern leaders differences in ordinary custom and behavior between the dignified, polite and rather aloof northerner and the uninhibited, vociferous southerner who noisily showed his disagreement in council and parliament without good manner and restraint" ([Deng, 1996](#), p. 62).

So it can be easily surmised this was one of the chief reasons for the British favouring the Northern leadership of Nigeria over the Southern leaders. ([Crowder, 1978](#); [Okonofua, 2011](#); [Onwubiko, 1972](#)).

The British further divided the Southern region, into the Eastern and Western region, but did not do the same with the Northern region, which is clear evidence of the "divide and conquer" approach employed.

The Midwest region and other smaller ethnic minorities were encouraged and forged along systematic routes to checkmate the southerners against any hegemonic system of their own regardless of foresight and after effects of mismatching of incompatible peoples.

([Kennedy, 2007](#); [Okonofua, 2011](#)). It is for this reason that [Ijomah \(1988](#), p. 56)

As part of the divide and rule strategy, the British carved a geography of Nigeria to suit their political agenda, buttressed with a rigged election ([Omoruyi, 1999](#); [Sagay, 2008](#)).

The first census of Nigeria unfairly favoured the north with an extra 2,938,000. 3,855,00 to east, 4,641,000 to west and 11,434,000 to north. Out of a total of 19,930,000

This created the basis for the power base lopsided to the North, intrinsic in Nigeria even until date. At the 1950 national conference, the North insisted



on having half of the seats in the legislature which resulted in the British granting 34 seats to the West, 34 seats to the East and 68 seats to the North.

This was repeated in the 1952 census with the same ratio of increased population with 2,500,000 favouring the North. The West had 6,369,000, the East had 7,971,000 and the North had 16,540, from a total population of 31,540,000 at the time.

Sir James Robertson who was specially drafted in 1955 after handling a similar political dynamic in the Sudan, continued the strategy of his predecessor Governor General's ie Lord Lugard and Lord Harcourt; he strategically got Tafewa Balewa, the leader of NPC (Northern People Congress) to form a new government as the counting of votes barely started [Sagay \(2008\)](#).

According to Omoruyi (1999): Sir James Robertson was a shrewd implementer of the northern rule. He is on record as confessing that he did not handle this phase to the satisfaction of Dr Azikiwe and Chief Awolowo. Sir James confessed that he invited Balewa to form the government in 1959 by persuading some of the southern members to support him and after Sir Abubakar had assured him that he will get a southern group to work with him. Sir James did this before the results were announced. He confessed that he did this to appease the Sardauna of Sokoto, the leader of the NPC, to stop him from taking the north out of Nigeria.

~ [Omoruyi \(1999, p. 25\)](#)

The republic of Biafra was created on behalf of this Census matter and the ensuing control structure that manifests from it. that led to the eventual civil war. The first post independence census in 1963 saw the north manipulate the results similar to the way the British did, however it was vociferously challenged by the eastern region as they threatened to pull out of Nigeria.

The declaration of Biafra and the subsequent secession led to a bloody civil war between 1967 and 1970., which led to the loss of over 1 million Biafrans and many Nigerian troops as well. At the end of the civil

war, a declaration of "No victor no vanquished" was issued on paper and Biafra was once again under Nigeria and thus tacitly making the presidency out of reach to them due to the war. (see [Elaiwu, 2009](#); [Forsyth, 1992](#); [Gray](#) and [Stolper, 2003](#)).

The census of 1991 was a repeat pattern again of keeping the formula ratio inherited from the British with data: 41,242,512 for the South and 47,261,962 for the North. The main travesty as noted by [Sagay \(2008\)](#) was the apportioning of same size populations relatively to Lagos and Kano state, even though it is obvious Lagos population as at 1991 about 15 million was 3 times that of Kano state. This travesty was further enshrined in allocation numbers with the allocation of 20 local government councils to Lagos but 71 local government councils to Kano and Jigawa states (Note: Jigawa state was carved out of Kano state). As if this wasn't enough, Lagos had 24 Federal house representatives while Kano and Jigawa had 35 Federal house representatives.

These numbers add up to no bills can be passed in the house without the consent of the North, but the reverse wasn't true for the South. This political arrangement as chronologically described has been made possible by the British colonial masters, the so called Arewa political oligarchy and the northern military organisation. Hence the northern or so called Hausa-Fulani Hegemony and so called "Born to rule" tag that still sticks today.

Through history, the immense capital of the Sultanate has been used by the hausa -fulani elite to maintain political dominance this has taken unquestionable hold and morphed into hegemonic (which includes its born-to-rule mentality) control of all things Nigeria indirectly. (Okonofua , 2011)

The tag sticks because it is constitutional. 100% of the crude oil wealth comes from the South, but because the North have 418 to South's 356 local government councils, they get more of the 85% oil wealth that enters the federation purse. Mind you each local government council gets equal share of wealth. Okonofua, 2011; Okonta & Douglas, 2003; Sagay,

2008; Ukeje, Odebiyi, Sesay, & Aina, 2009).

So considering the ethno-religious make of Nigeria. If we ask at this point-  
Will restructuring change the attitude of Nigerians to Nigeria?

It will seem that the North will like to restructure according to the muslim partimomial system they are already used to, and the South will want to restructure to Christian capitalist system that rewards them equitably according to what they is contributed into the national treasury.

However even if this were to happen, what will be the outcome? what will it change long-term? The answer to that question will involve us looking deeper as to the motivation of the civil servants that implement the instructions of the ruling elite.

It becomes clear that regardless of which part of the country any civil servant is from, their primary motivation and expectation from fellow Nigerians is usurping of power, preposterous aggrandization, and acquisition of stupendous wealth.

There lies the behemoth of the problem that the talented tenth, if they can find themselves passionate enough to solve home land problems. In the Final analysis- the “talented tenth” will have to amicably wrestle with these issues, to agree nationally and then

influence.



## Who are the TALENTED TENTH?

The talented tenth exist in all societies across the globe, these are the elite by merit, the erudite, the learned, the societal role models and celebrities at high tables across the nation. The talented tenth hold the keys to institutionalising anti-corruption, to decoupling tribalism when having a national discussion about restructuring. At the moment and based on the primordial setup of Nigeria without the deep thinking of the talented tenth, restructuring will mean simple redistribution of wealth so the oil rich states keep their oil wealth and the northern states manage with their agricultural produce especially groundnut, tomatoes and beef. Without the deep thinking of the talented tenth, there will be failure to recognise that crude oil and products accounts only for 14% of GDP but 80% of foreign exchange. Without deep thinking, there will be failure to recognise that the western crude oil importing economies are weaning their dependence on fossil fuels, that in only 10 years from now there will be less demand for Nigerian sweet crude.

Apart from diversifying our economy and figuring this into a restructured formula, the talented tenth should permeate the civil service because before Nigeria can restructure successfully from the present unfair formula, she first must re-engineer her culture. This is true because corruption is now really an accepted and expected culture, which means the corrupt northerner and southerner, easterner and westerner all speak one language of Corruption, that they are speaking now, and will continue to speak in a restructured Nigeria that isn't yet accultured to see corruption as a taboo.

This is why Debonair Training has a special module for this ebook on Blaming the West for Africa versus taking responsibility for Africa. The ulterior motive of divide and conquer of the colonial British is well known, however through a learning technique known as SCAFFOLDING we can clearly see the opportunity and rewards of not blaming the British but instead take the opportunity to fix the problem from the root, with return of investment approach of proactive and collective action  
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President Buhari who is a Fulani, and commander in Chief of Nigeria who

is evidently stuck between the devil and the deep blue sea. He is a devout Muslim, a Herdsman himself, who's nomadic culture he inherited, they conquered his native Daura people, well before his time, and the herdsman custom is still subsisting in the culture. but Buhari is already leading the Nigerian people. So Islamization rumours will continue to fly, especially when the government of the day hasn't yet dealt with rampaging Fulani herdsman. It doesn't take much insight to realise that the fear of Southerners includes that armed herdsman are one step or two away from being transformed to rampaging Janjaweed on horseback as happened a few years back in Darfur and Chad.

Clearly from the data in this chapter: the British rigged the Census data in favour of the North, and this formula has been somehow repeated. The reason the British favoured the Northerners apparently is still the reason the Southerners are yet to correct this anomaly for now. This issue will come to the fore again and again, because whenever the Southerners despite their differences, interpret any situation to be an existential threat, they will unite against the threat. Then the numbers will be laid bare and the error of where power is CONSTITUTIONALLY domiciled will either be corrected by the leader, or the Nigeria union will become untenable.

# Chapter 3: Blaming the West vs taking responsibility

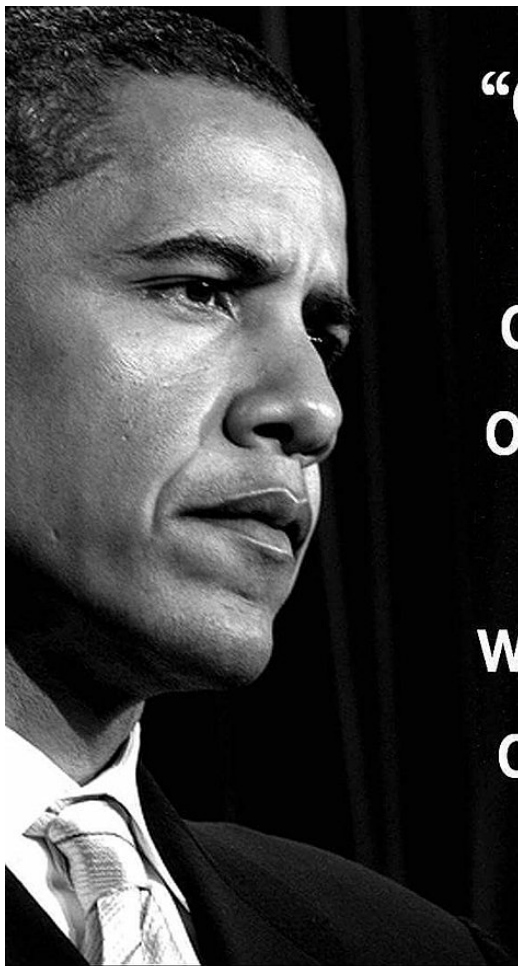
Chapter 3:

Blaming the West vs taking responsibility for Africa!

June 21, 2012 at 1:41pm

Who really has cognitive dissonance? The one who blames the West for African problems or the one who believes Africa should be responsible for herself, and has the power to discipline and lift herself to glory regardless of western national interest policies?





**“Change will not come  
if we wait for some  
other person or some  
other time. We are the  
ones we’ve been  
waiting for. We are the  
change that we seek.”**

**Barack Obama**

This question is of prime importance because while considering restructuring, if we focus on only correcting the unfair Nigerian control anomaly we may end up correcting a problem that applied in 1960, instead of one that applies in 2017 and the foreseeable future.

Getting defensive in arguments that excludes us from any responsibility for our problems actually insults our intelligence. Bad is bad and good is good, clearly from the fruits of anything you can tell if it's good or not! Without making reference to any text written by anyone, to make one believe, nothing is good or everything is bad about us.

Present day slavery, also known as human trafficking. People pay money to go abroad for a better life, even though they have heard stories of this possibly being about enslaved into prostitution. They see it as away to raise money back home.

Is this not the same but 21st century reason that started the transatlantic slavery many centuries ago. People selling their own people, because essentially the borrower is a slave to the lender!!!

Nigerians cannot with double standards point a finger at what wrong colonialists did to Nigeria and what neo-colonialists policy is still doing at present to us, when we do worse to our own people. Clearly they (the whites) don't have 2 head each. If we weigh things correctly we will get accurate measurements, and what we build will hold up .... this is logical. But when we use make believe, vindictive, bitter attitude, we actually worsen our plight.

Politicians will join you in condemning neo-colonialism, but still they will be the first to want to steal from the masses, and send the money to the former colonial Master, they will steal more, and take it to the same place - Swiss banks.

This is because most of the politicians know that given half the chance, the very same masses they are stealing from are waiting their turn to steal, most of the politicians are not true leaders. Most of these politicians were not elected for their high level of accountability with public funds.

So really the cognitive dissonance is really about the Nigerian people collectively unable to deal with this double standard. That somehow we refuse to grasp the core of our problems, to look in the mirror collectively, to help ourselves by whistleblowing on the individuals giving the collective a bad name.

Instead of dealing with this double standard that by not purging the bad eggs amongst us, we are tainting ourselves we often find media narratives giving power to conspiracy theories, that don't make us better whether they are true or not, Conspiracy theories: may make us feel good debating with our peers, for the simple reason that to the simple or even myopic mind, we want to be absolved of blame and responsibility. But to the learned person, who has learnt to think longterm, they know the value of taking responsibility for problems, because it gives them control over their own future. On the other-hand those blamed, actually by default are given the responsibility to control our or any future, whether they accept the blame or not.

This principle works anywhere any time, lets think about it!!!

Surely there is a lesson to be learnt here by us, enlighten us if you disagree??

Those who blame are weaker than those who are responsible. True or False?

For the print version of this book, the summary of a heated social media thread discussion that occurred 5 years ago in 2012, during the leadership of Goodluck Ebele Jonathan. This discussion proves with data analytics that over 70% of us are content to blame the West and absolve ourselves of blame. When it comes to playing the blame game, the blamers are intransigently dug in with their perspectives, branding with name calling a school of thought that calls for objective analysis as one that is EUROCENTRIC, and then referring to their own blaming school of thought as AFROCENTRIC. There is more to the Eurocentric versus Afrocentric debate, but simplifying the concepts with a lot of assumptions, is one of the bigger problems, that is defying a solution thus far.

In this particular discussion, I point out that there is double standards involved in the blame game, and worse of all, the blaming mentality tacitly allows us to shirk responsibility for our problem, as if we are hopeless and helpless post colonialist intervention. I further argue this should not be the case because there are other colonised countries by the British which are doing very well, such as USA, Australia, and India.

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Greg Ekhatör Igbe Enina, i completely agree with you bro! Its a ruse, and some of us are falling for d same trick time and time again.

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Traore Sekou Toure <http://www.africaw.com/how-the-world-bank-and-theimf...>

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Traore Sekou Toure I SUPPOSE WE WERE NEVER EDUCATED TO ANALYSE CRITICALLY AND ITS THE REASON WHY WE ARE IMPRISONED IN THE DUNGEONS CALLED SELF HATE...

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Tony Nammor I quote "We cannot be pointing the finger at what bad its clear the west are doing to us, when we do worse to our own people. Clearly they (the whites) don't have 2 heads. If we weigh things correctly we will get accurate measurements, and what we buil...See More

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Greg Ekhatör Traore Sekou Toure, my bro, i am so glad, you brought up CRITICAL THINKING, so lets assume, according to your last comment, that you are the only one with this ability so far on this thread, so far ....

Please use it to answer this question objectively...See More

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Greg Ekhaton Tony , exactly ... 52 year old, behaving and expecting to be cuddled like a 10 year old!!!

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Roland Osahon Erhabor All of us are just addressing the present situations, we tend to forget the plans of the west when they were moving out of Africa.

With their education, they train our people in their own mode as those that will take over governance from them will b...See More

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Greg Ekhaton Sir Surv Roland Osahon Erhabor, you are right, and they did that for their national interest, just like they did to all former colonies, including America, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, India, and yes GHANA!

For 52 years, we haven't even l...See More

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Roland Osahon Erhabor I dont dispute what ever anybody is saying, but within my limited knowledge i will express my view without lenient to any philosophy.

Brother, we have addressed this issue before. When will oil mix with water? Are you not aware of various devices, dr...See More

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Greg Ekhatior Sir Surv Roland Osahon Erhabor, ok if i ask you, if everybody do e own from now one, wetin be the prognosis (how e go be) in 10 years time?

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Roland Osahon Erhabor That one is uncertainty, let live that to God. He will direct us on what next.

I am not begging ur question, but let try this, as others has failed us.

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Greg Ekhatior Ahhhhh! Oga Surv Roland, i nor know about try o!

We should be knowing somethings for sure nau!! That is how we tried GEJ.

Personally i think its too risky right now, at this defining moment in history for us to not seize the bull by the horns, and do what we know has worked the most for us, in the last 52 years, thats what we need to do!! What do you think?

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Traore Sekou Toure TONY,WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE NEXT 100 HUNDRED YEARS IS THAT WE WILL CARRY ON BLAMING OUR LEADERS WITHOUT A CLEAR AND PRECISE WAY TO DEAL WITH OUR PROBLEMS...AND WE CAN THROW CRITICAL THINKING ALL AROUND,BUT NOT MANY OF US ARE PROGRAMMED TO THINK OUTSID...See More

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Greg Ekhatior Traore Sekou Toure, my bro, we can repeat the same old mantra to ourselves that a school of any organisational thought have fed

us, but it will not change what is a lie to become the truth or what is bad to become good. The reverse is also the case.

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Traore Sekou Toure BRO WITH ALL DUE RESPECT,WE CANT DISCUSS POLITICS,ITS IMPOSSIBLE,YOU SEE MY VIEWS IN A CERTAIN LIGHT AND I LOOK AT THE THINGS YOU PUT OUT AS POINTS AND SHAKE MY HEAD IN SORROW,YOU ARE A EUROCENTRIC SYMPATHISER NO DOUBT AND I SINCERELY RESPECT THAT BUT ...[See More](#)

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Traore Sekou Toure BRO SELECTIVITY IS THE ENEMY HERE,WHEN YOU CHOSE TO APPROACH YOUR RESEARCHES WITH AN OPEN MIND,THEN HOPEFULLY YOU WOULD START TO SEE THE MULTITUDE OF ILLS THAT YOU CURRENTLY CANT SEE BECAUSE OF SELF HATE AND ITS NOT UNCOMMON,ITS LIKE THAT WITH MOST AFRICANS....

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Greg Ekhatore Traore, my bro, you are right, i never read d link you posted before, i didn't bother to read it, because i have read many similar "Feel sorry for me, we are the victim, its not our fault" stories spewed out by Black family united to further weaken our b...[See More](#)

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Traore Sekou Toure LOL...BRO I HOPE YOU ARE FOLLOWING EVENTS IN LIBYA AFTER GHADAFI,WELL THAT IS WHAT YOU CALL A WELL TIMED SOLUTION,AND I BET LIBYANS ARE LOVING IT NOW,ARENT THEY? HOW ABOUT THE IVORIANS?? THEY ARE EVERYWHERE FROM ABIDJAN TO HAGUE PROTESTING,TELLING THE ...[See More](#)

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Tony Nammor Greg Ekhatore and Traore Sekou Toure, both of you make for good argument and healthy discuss on this issue, while i relate with Traore,s angle of discuss that we cannot put things pass the influence of the WEST on African affairs , which of course is no...See More

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Tony Nammor Nigeria can exist and thrive without foreign interference if she has the right heads in govt who will manage, structure and organize the nation and people. NIGERIA at this time is playing out a script for self destruction ...THINK

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Greg Ekhatore Tony Nammor, i agree with you on so many levels and i will attempt to answer your questions from my point of view, so that we can truly begin to think and collectively solve our problems!

Tony asked: The greed and selfishness of the leaders vis a vis...See More

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Roland Osahon Erhabor I thank u for this discussions, but i will want u to realised, that the act of leadership has no classified rules. Unlike science that is guided by rules, theories & hypothesis.

So the style of governance we practice is to be determine by few, d...See More

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Greg Ekhatior Sir Surv Roland Osahon Erhabor, you are most welcome, Yes i agree with you to the extent that We Africans will have to come up with

our own solutions, sieving through whats good and working for us apart from

what's bad and not working for us....See More

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Roland Osahon Erhabor Well, all this we are saying is good, if those that are

leading are aware of this. If not, this is as good on paper as other good propositions.

Yes i know the issue of shrine may not go down with you, probably due to your

belief, but i am happy you recognised the...See More

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Greg Ekhatior Sir Surv Roland, i agree, we need to harmonise our opinions, and be inclusive for unity to stand a chance.

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Traore Sekou Toure GREG,I MARVEL ON HOW YOU ARE ABLE TO CONDEMN US FOR SELFISHNESS AND GREED AND IN THE SAME VEIN RATIONALISE BANDITRY BY THE WEST,THAT IS EXACTLY THE SELF HATE THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER,HAVENT YOU OBSERVED THAT SYMPATHY FOR THE WEST COMES FROM YOU NATURAL...See More

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Traore Sekou Toure @Tony Nammor,THANKS FOR YOUR ANALYSIS,ITS BEEN VERY REFRESHING AND RE ASSURING READING A CRITICAL ANALYSIS ONCE AGAIN,YOU ASKED A QUESTION ABOUT WHO WANTS NIGERIA DESTROYED....WELL THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE TOPIC RATHER THAN THE ONE WE ARE CURRENTLY DEBATING NOW WHICH IS VERY RETROGRESSIVE AND STIFLING,,I WILL ATTEMPT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION WITH THE POST BELOW,HAPPY READING...

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Greg Ekhatore Traore Sekou Toure, i have not read the above link, but let me hazard a guess, i am almost 100% sure it will contain, that the CIA decided to infiltrate 9ja, becous of oil wealth, and decided to plant Al-Qaeda in 9ja via Boko Haram. Right?

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Traore Sekou Toure GREG,I PUT THAT POST OUT IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ASKED BY TONY,OF COURSE I ALREADY KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALLERGIC TO MATERIALS LIKE THAT,IF NOT I WOULD HAVE LONG POSTED IT FOR YOUR CONSUMPTION,BUT TONY FROM HIS POST I OBSERVED IS A PERSON WITH TRULY OPEN...See More

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Greg Ekhatore Uncle Tom, Bigot, Eurocentrist, is what you guys are being fed at BFU, but what fruits do you have to show for it, apart from unity, and consoling each other, that Africa is being raped by the west, for our irresponsible behavior???

Remember i have as...See More

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Traore Sekou Toure I TOLD YOU THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO HAVE A MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION WITH YOU AS FAR AS THIS TOPIC GOES AND I STILL THINK THAT'S THE CASE. WHAT'S THE POINT,YOU HAVE YOUR VIEWS AND I HAVE MINE,YOU FROWN AT MINE,YOURS DONT MAKE A SCINTILLA OF COMMON ...See More

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Greg Ekhatore Traore Sekou Toure,

You have to clarify, you have to be able to as an enlightened mind discuss your position, even with people who don't agree with you, that is what engenders unity. Preaching to the choir is easy. ...See More

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Greg Ekhatore As a stickler for copyrights and all other Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), i will like to give credit for the image used in this note belonging to Gregarious Reid's photo..

Also to note that above all the resources we have in Africa, the failure o...See More

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Greg Ekhatore Hmmm! Let me guess what some peoples take will be on this then....

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Traore Sekou Toure ALJAZEERA???? HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

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Greg Ekhatore Na NTA news abi na ITN news reporting, we go listen to, abi u don form your own news network, that can be vetted and held responsible for information reported???

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Traore Sekou Toure BROS PLENTY CREDIBLE NEWS OUTLET DON DEY NA,ESPECIALLY THE INDEPENDENT ONES,THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA NA JOKE NA,I SURPRISE SAY YOU NEVER KNOW...LOL

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Greg Ekhaton Bros, i never know o, abeg, plug me in, who be these credible independent ones?

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Traore Sekou Toure TUNE INTO PRISON PLANET,RT,PRESS NEWS ETC,AND WATCH HOW YOU GRADUALLY CLIMB DOWN BRO...LOL

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Greg Ekhaton links are better bro, help save me time from the wrong ones, cheers

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But you mentioned credible s...See More

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Traore Sekou Toure BROS,YOU DONT KNOW EVERYTHING,YOU ARE NOT GOOGLE,SO STOP ASSUMING THAT EVERYTHING IS WITHIN THE SPHERE OF YOUR INTELLECT,GO THROUGH THE VIDEO INSTEAD,YOU WILL LEARN SO MUCH...

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Greg Ekhator .... LETS BUMP THIS TOPIC BACK INTO OUR CONSCIOUSNESS!!

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Greg Ekhator Fidelis Edosomwan, i have just read ur comment here, and the diagnosis is so spot on, i want to like it again....

Now you gonna have to shed some more light o!

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Greg Ekhator Where is Evans Oseki, the princesses Ann Ogunmuyiwa, Adanma Okpara, Joy Onyebuchi, Ruby Ochoniya Aduku, Femi Akpata-Jordan, and Senu Hun sef ... im come too quiet these days o!

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Greg Ekhaton Helen Wright, Iyabo Iyamighty, Bola Opere, Lawale Adewoyin, Temidayo Ahanmisi (Another quiet one of late - kilode)

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Greg Ekhaton Osahon OSahon, abeg weigh in, my broda?

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Issy B. Okuoimose Guys, FB is really becoming a kind of magic these days...I'm seeing this brilliant post & following commentaries now for the very first time...

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Greg Ekhaton My bro Issy B. O'kuoimose, i'm glad u are seeing it on time, because you are one us that the onus falls on to make sense of Nigeria

psyche,  
for the future of our children and children's children.  
So please weigh in as well??

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Greg Ekhaton Fidelis Edosomwan, u see am above?

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Greg Ekhaton I HAVE JUST TO REPOST THIS EXCELLENT COMMENT FROM MY NAMESAKE, AS HE COVERS OUR BLINDSPOTS ON THIS ISSUE SUCCINCTLY!!

Greg Eweka Wrote: I think africans need to re-organise their societies and also redefine their idea of power. Until these issues are ...[See More](#)

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Akin Etin Ojehomon Sr. The CIA, hmmmmmmmmmm.

More like Royal Dutch Shell.

Traore Sekou Toure Did you bother to read anything Greg said?....[See More](#)

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Greg Ekhaton Akin Etin- Ojehomon Sr, thank you, very well said!

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Evans Oseki Hmmm, I always knew Akin was/is a CIA lol. Beautiful day today, isn't it?

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Akin Etin Ojehomon Sr. Evans Oseki I dey laugh, it's raining like heck my way.

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Issy B. Okuoimose @ Akin Etin- Ojehomon Sr, Sir, who are truly the Leaders of a Country?

In the case of Nigeria, and indeed most of Africa, truth has to be given to the many underlying factors that has led the charge of how things are today.

For example, taking a look a...See More

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Akin Etin Ojehomon Sr. You know Mr O'khuoimose I could try to find an argument for your thread but I really don't think it would do any good. The Great Patrice Lumumba, The Great Martin Luther King, the Great Nelson Mandela dead for 27 years and resurrected to become the fir...See More

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Greg Ekhatator Thank you Akin Etin- Ojehomon Sr, for your truthful comment. I am just re-reading it again!!

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Akin Etin Ojehomon Sr. I must apologize to Miss or Mrs O'khuoimose as I referred to he as Mr. Sorry Madam.

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Greg Ekhator Akin Etin- Ojehomon Sr, Hahaha!

Issy B. O'khuoimose is a HE, he just happens to have profile pic if a female this time.

This is him on right...See More

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Issy B. Okuoimose Hahaha!!! He, she or he again, does it really matter these days as says our ultra modern civilisation???

Back at the matter at hand, one of the bests one liners in a movie I love, is found in the movie classic, "The Usual Suspects", it says about the I...See More

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Greg Ekhator Issy B. O'khuoimose, ok, in quantifying the damage done by the west.

1. What is the goal?

2. Is not the same way China is being courted in the 21st century, the same way the british and the portuguese were courted in the 17th century?...See More

Greg Ekhator

May 2, 2013 ·

## NIGERIAN UNITY IN CONTEXT OF WORLD HISTORY

This is a note based on an article by Tope Fasau, posted by a fellow comrade Christie Akumabor.

I am republishing it, because yesterday, i blew a fuse (metaphorically).

Disunity is our bane, leaving us distracted & distrustful. None of us wants to waste our life albeit clearly lives are wasted everyday, needlessly.

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Greg Ekhator I HOPE MOST HAVE COME ROUND TO MY WAY OF THINKING!!

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Charles Akhimienmhonan This what I have been saying! The Festinger's Cognitive dissonance apply to us here. Whitemen have left us, but we can't even rule ourselves.

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Greg Ekhator GBAAAM!!!!

The blamers never address this point, instead they also blame the west for influencing the current rulers, as mentioned quite a few times by TST above.

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Greg Ekhator Now is a good time, that the spirit of Mandela is unleashed from his physical body, such that the glory of true leadership of a good name is clear to see.

Now is a good time to expose & educate our brethren who use their inferiority complex, to shackle...See More

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Greg Ekhaton Kevin Idehen, Greg Eweka, Issy B. O'kuoimose, Edo Politics, Tayo Adededeji-Phillips, Bruce Okonedo, Comrade Enabulele Enabulele, Conrad Koko-Ononeme

I know its late in the thread, but based on Mandela' s passing & my last comment.

Please weigh in with your erudite contributions...? Thanks

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Greg Eweka I have long unsubscribed from the excuse of our many failures, blamed on the west. For me, the argument for and against carries their merits but we need to start taking responsibility and doing a rethink of what and who we are, plus where we really need...See More

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Charles Akhimienmhonon Bros Greg,Abeg download 2face's Nobody Holy Pass

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Greg Eweka Charles my brother. ..lol

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Greg Ekhatore Charles Akhimienmhonan, Love it, poignant lyrics, especially the rise & fall

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Charles Akhimienmhonan @Greg,Gbaaam!

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Greg Ekhatore G2, GBAAAAAAM!

I love your reasoning with this one. I agree they concoct an alibi, an excuse to fail, & a false sense of security while breeding more self destructive irresponsible hatred...

I like Akin Etin- Ojehomon Sr example too.

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Issy B. Okuoimose There's one fundamental fact people don't put into consideration, that the phenomenon that's Mandela, became the global brand it's today simply because it became and remains only a passive reference. And not an aggressive guide of what should be as aga...See More

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Greg Ekhatore Issy B. O'kuoimose, i hear you.

The BIG & unfortunate difference with Sankara, is that he was killed by his own friend Blaise Compaoré, who rules Burkina Faso to this day.

Otherwise, i know enough about him, to know he was a good man, that Blaise will ...See More

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Issy B. Okuoimose G1, very true...but Compaore was propped up to killing Sankara by those he knew would make his cleaning up his murderous track a lot easier.

The point I'm trying to make here is that in some ways, and bar the long prison experience, Mandela and Sankara...See More

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Greg Ekhator The imperial forces at play of the French & the dutch had their own selfish national interest at heart just like the Cabal & ruling elite of 9ja have their own selfish interest at heart.

They didn't want to let go then just like the Cabal/9ja Elite do...See More

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Jeanette Tabago Lopez there's a saying " I am responsible for what I say, but I am not responsible for how you understood it". My point , stop blaming others for your actions..... jmtc

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Greg Ekhator i think peeps are beginning to see the light, especially now that

peeps are doing nothing to stop d barbaric practice of killing twins in 21st century.

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Greg Ekhatore Some peeps are by default now beginning to blame the west for introducing Ebola virus in Africa....

These pipos nor dey tire for their "learned helplessness" conspiracy theories!!

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Deadly Ebola virus spreads beyond Guinea borders, suspected in Mali  
Mali authorities have reported of three suspected cases of fatal Ebola...

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Greg Ekhatore Perhaps my medical doctor friends and or epidemiologists can shed some light on this Ebola pandemic cum epidemic?

Dr's Senu Hun, Labi O'guns, Fidelis Edosomwan, I'nyamu Enyi, Christie Nonyelum Akumabor, Victor Chukwuma Ochei, Lawrence Adu and others, i will recall later?

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Ego-Phil Onwuzulike Kudos Greg! Until we free our minds!An enslaved mind is far worse than a crippled body!!!!

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Labi O'guns Eyewu, can u pls help Greg out here o....

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Greg Ekhatior GBAAAAM! Ego-Phil Onwuzulike, these blamers are stopping us from thinking creatively!!

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Eyewu Louise Walker-Nthenda · 60 mutual friends

Dr Labi how you come call my name inside this one na, you must be kidding me.....

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Labi O'guns Eyewu... Lol... Greg only wants u to shed some light on the Ebola epidemic...

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Eyewu Louise Walker-Nthenda · 60 mutual friends

I thought you were expecting me to read through the whole post along with comments too!

Dr Labi, I don't know much about Ebola. And I suspect that not much is known collectively worldwide. But I suspect it's some type of zoonoses. ...See More

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Greg Ekhatior Thank you doc Labi, yes i do!!

Eyewu, GBAAAAM!

Some peeps are bandying about the conspiracy theory that Ebola virus



was introduced by western nations, the same for HIV....See More

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Labi O'guns Thank u Eyewu... Greg u don hear..? Let me just add that it's very deadly and has no cure! Patients are quarantined!

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Greg Ekhatior Thank you Labi O'guns, I agree with Eyewu too.

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Bea Mü The typical African mindset is ' someone else must bear the blame'.They quote history and many things that happened in the past. To march forward, we have to take responsibility of any challenge and situation

we find ourselves and look how to make better....See More

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Greg Ekhatior Beatrix, Exactly!! Very well put! The mindset has to change to a responsible one for the changed positive responsible result we want!

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Wilson Orhiunu Personal Responsibility is number One. We do such a good job of wrecking Africa that by the time the foreigners arrive, there is nothing to wreck anymore. Blaming others is absurd. Who now on FB will blame Zuckerberg for their house being in a state of...See More

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Greg Ekhaton Wilson, you are so right

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Zed Ayeni We have to start accepting the outcome of our decisions.

"Attack the evil that is within yourself, rather than attacking the evil that is in others." – Confucius. -

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Victor Chukwuma Ochei Ebola virus is an RNA virus with Origin from central Africa and Southeast Asia. First discovered in Zaire in 1976, the virus causes a haemorrhagic fever. The tropical rain forest is a good breeding ground for these viruses and bats are the postulated r...See More

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Victor Chukwuma Ochei The disease begins with sudden fever, headache and body pains. Conjunctivitis, pharyngitis and nausea. Skin rashes do occur. Also mucosal and submucosal bleeding occurs in 5-7 days of infection. They now bleed from the nose, mouth, gastrointestinal and...See More

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Victor Chukwuma Ochei The diagnosis is made via microbiological tests for Filoviruses is special institutes in Phillips university Marburg and Bernard-Notch institute hamburg via PCR and ELISA to identify specific antibodies IgG and IgM. Highly skilled personnel and carefully attained samples with

internationally specified procedures are necessary to prevent body contact and spread of the disease. UN2814 classification of lethal biostoff.

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Victor Chukwuma Ochei First thing to do is to order a quarantine.

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Wilson Orhiunu Lassa Fever is named after Lassa in Nigeria where that first outbreak occurred. The viruses are deadly. Ebola is really deadly as fully explained by Victor Ochei. Well done

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Victor Chukwuma Ochei Treatment is through " barrier nursing " and isolation in a specialized highly-contagious-disease unit and symptomatic treatment. A causal therapy is momentarily unavailable. Contact tracing in the community is necessary for observation and early treatment. Hand disinfection and avoidance of contact with infected secretions and wild animals help to reduce the spread of the disease.

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Greg Ekhaton Wilson Orhiunu, are u saying Ebola virus causes Lassa Fever? or similar to Lassa fever.

I vaguely recall a time in Nigeria when they said rats can cause lassa fever, and

there was a pandemic. Same with pandemic of Ebola virus, from Bakassi / Cameroun peeps eating Chimp meat. Then the news got sensationalised, somehow.

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Victor Chukwuma Ochei Rats can spread anything @ Greg. The viruses use these animals as hosts and vectors.

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Wilson Orhiunu Lassa fever belongs to the same group as Ebola.

Haemorrhagic viruses. Ok , Make I bring down. If na football team, the name will be Viral Haemorrhagic fevers united. Attackers na Ebola and Lassa , Mid field na Bolivian and Brazilian hemorrhagic fevers and defence na Marburg, Dengue and Yellow fever. In Goal na Rift Valley fever. Manager na Devil.

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Greg Ekhaton Wilson Orhiunu, I get you 100% now!

Football = excellent metaphor

So na part of the war nau!!...See More

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Greg Ekhaton Victor, so true oo!

Not to talk of roaches & flies in the tropical heat... optimum conditions for microbial frenzied multiplication oo!!

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Victor Chukwuma Ochei Africa man go say na oyibo cause.

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Greg Ekhator Koshoni Aromire, Marshall Utubor... what do you think?

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Osamudiamen Okakolo Utubor Christianity came from the west, Christianity and Islam is our major problem

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Koshoni Aromire Greg Ekhator i read the article and its so true we are responsible for our own problems. We cannot continue to blame the west but in another term, the west has make most of our leaders sissy and wrap their hand around our leaders, that most of them bec...See More

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Greg Ekhator Marshal, Are Christianity & Oyibo d cause of Africans being irresponsible & looking for some one to blame other than self?

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Greg Ekhator Koshoni, you right! I believe this is so, because d dilligent bear rule. The most responsible run things. Ok let's examine what's happening with Flight MH370, how d indiscipline & shambolic organisation of Malaysia stacks up against d british, american...See More

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John Erashe Sadoh Those who refuse to learn from history are bound to repeat it. The lesson from slavery and colonialism must be learnt and clearly digested by both the slaves as well as the masters if we must guide against re-occurrence. The complicity of Africans in the ...See More

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Greg Ekhator John Erashe Sadoh, GBAAAAM!

Please help me tell Marshall Utubor,, cos if we can persuade him, then we are by default persuading a lot of Nigerian people following him without critical

thinking and with that bitter school of thought !! lol

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Sly Stoner Greg Ekhator: You know I love you and I often AGREE with you a lot but one small thing which despite small tends to be very SIGNIFICANT flaw in your analysis regards this notion in philosophy - ABSOLUTISM. What you saying make perfect sense and I agree...See More

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John Erashe Sadoh It is true when one considers even the predatory lending policies that have been going on for decades. all the monies owed to these powers with the accruing interest is nothing but roguery. It could be argued that we were not compelled to borrow, but mora...See More

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Greg Ekhatior Sly Stoner, you are right, however for our own collective and practical good, i am speaking collectively..

Most importantly though, if we continue the blame culture, it will not bring a solution, whereas responsibility will. You see my point

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Greg Ekhatior John, GBAAAM!

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John Erashe Sadoh The blame game is just passing the buck no doubt. But we also can not allow ourselves to be labelled "never- do- well" when we know the root cause of our predicament. Slavery went on for 400 years, during which only the young and able bodied were carried ...See More

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John Erashe Sadoh We must not overtilt the scale to one side. There should a level headed apportioning of blame if we must all learn from this past mistake and try to make amends. Africans as well as the west are culpable, but to which degree is only for posterity to judge. But it is time to dust ourselves up and take our destiny in our hands.

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Sly Stoner This is the way I see it brethren: 1...Both the small and big thieves MUST be blame, shame and brought to the Financial court for repayments plus interest accrued.....2..Recommendations to how all the loop-holes must be plugged....3...We must all be PR...See More

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Greg Ekhatore Despite the plenty shout, the sociological and sub-cultural factors that led to such inhuman and medieval act still persists TODAY.

~ Sly Stoner. ...See More

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John Erashe Sadoh the preying of the strong on the weak is animal instinct inherent on all creatures including mankind.the Society can only curtail it by regulations.

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John Erashe Sadoh The origin of law in it modern context is attributable to the disire of the middle class to curb the excesses of the nobilities.Laws are actually made to protect the weak from the strong,unfortunately it has been hijacked by the strong and powerful du...See More

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Greg Ekhatore GBAAAAM!

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Greg Ekhatior THIS VIDEO IS Very educative on many levels, and confirmatory of some of my thoughts.

When i heard the name Marc Rich, a bell rung tied to Bill Clinton, from vague memory of 16 years ago....See More

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Greg Ekhatior This world is survival of the fittest and always has been. Survival of the fittest frequently means survival of the most responsible people, the most powerful military might and technology. The kingpin also gets to by default indoctrinate their culture...See More

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This chapter enunciates why it is important for us to grasp the unresolved blames and responsibility, because without clarity of what is what, the tendency of getting every other component wrong in Nigerian development is also high.

You may continue in the debate by commenting in the thread that has popped up, before reading the next chapter, to explore the digital opportunities both for now and the future, when crude oil revenue will no longer be available or relevant for wealth redistribution or political restructuring.

So asking our research question, how does blaming the west and shirking responsibility affect positions on restructuring?

Will it be wise to restructure a country when most of the indigenes or citizens have not realised their rights and responsibilities in the constitution?

Debonair training has DVS online class on the 1999 Nigerian constitution.

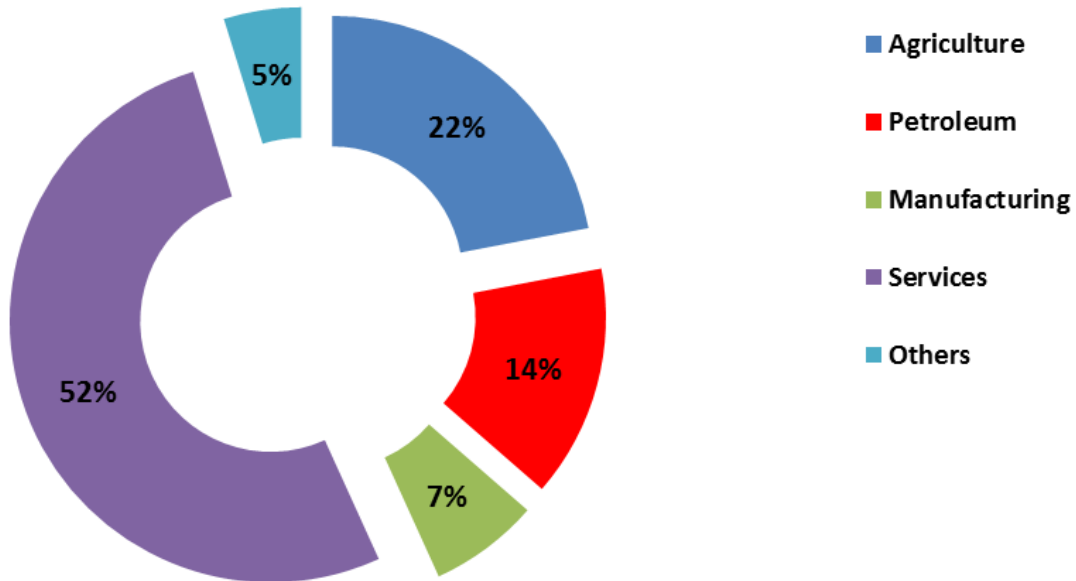
# Chapter 4: Digital Technology opportunities in Nigeria

Recently Professor Wole Soyinka, incisively summarised the RESTRUCTURING DEBATE. To paraphrase him: The poor in Nigeria have the same things in common, the rich in Nigeria have the same things in common, while the rich are united and keep the possessions they have obtained, the poor are disunited and fighting each other, and being dispossessed some more of the little they manage to cling on to.

I find the above to very true, and all the more reason why the restructuring at the moment is really about oil wealth and redistribution of it so there is more wealth allocation to Southern states where the oil comes from than the northern states. However, this view needs to be re-examined because indeed as already stated in the previous chapter there needs to be more equitable distribution of power and allocation, although the basis for doing this is still shaky. To start with little is known of what the real economic situation in Nigeria was, is and could be, by those doing the agitation the loudest.

Most do not know of this chart of our GDP resources, nor can they interpret it.

## Sector Contribution to GDP in 2015



Those driving the conversation or agitation don't yet comprehend that while Crude oil exports accounts for 90% of foreign exchange, it only accounts for 14% of GDP. They don't yet comprehend why a small infestation of Tomato plants in the North, led to Tomato scarcity that caused inflation of stable Tomato based products, that affects hunger directly. Most Nigerians haven't learned the lesson of the "Ghana must go bag". In other words the same northerners that you think you are

subsidising due to the oil in the south, may be the one feeding you right now with their produce. However digital technology, in this case DATA ANALYTICS in the 21st century allows us to see clearer so we know exactly what is what, with the ability to not only collect data, collate it, cleanse it, datamine it and draw business intelligent decisions that allow us to stop proverbially shooting ourselves in the foot or going around in vicious cycles. Such digital opportunities are currently being exploited in the services sector in the graphic above, but there are many more datamining and business intelligence opportunities still lying fallow until recently such as directly applies to:

1. Genuine Digital Identities: Myriad technologies including biometrics used

for the current BVN or the RFID technology which can be temporarily augmented with existing BVN biometric ID to make for a compulsory national ID: Doing this is not difficult and is simply the government rolling out a policy to licensed agents at banks to digitally verify their ID according to digital standards by trained agents in banks. This alone is a source of employment for the budgeted project, once the policy is government backed.

This alone will solve many problems including the rampaging Fulani herdsmen farmer clashes, who could be infiltrated by terrorists or armed bandits. It also removes the excuse of they are nomadic with no fixed address.

Once the ID technology is in place with everyone having a unique number it opens the gateway to so much including:

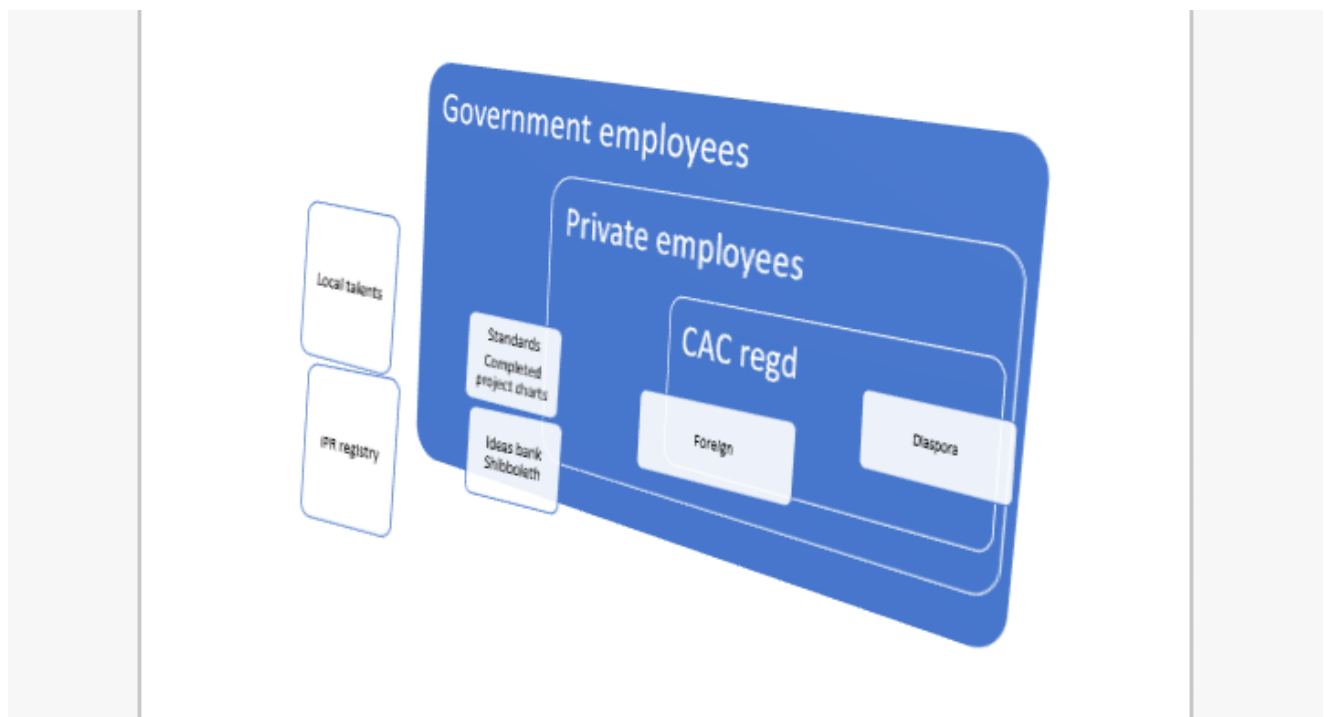
## 2. Sophisticated national database with open and secure parts

A national database needs to be compiled for the following categories and the benefits for each are below:

Feature	Benefit
All government employees	Tax, benefits, pension, manpower
All private business employees	Tax, talent, skill, cooperative
Special local talents registry	Scholarship consideration for investors
All companies registered in CAC with type of business categorised, size of business, location, age, outlook, tax status	Tax, talent, skill, cooperative, investment banking
All employment agencies according to categories	Human resource data leads
All Nigerian companies registered abroad	Tax, talent, skill, cooperative, investment banking
All foreign companies in Nigeria	Tax, talent, skill, cooperative, investment

	banking
All new intellectual properties in Nigeria	Intellectual capital, R&D investment
All masters dissertation in a shibboleth network	Secure intellectual research sharing and plagiarism deterrence
All phd's thesis in a shibboleth network	Secure intellectual research sharing and plagiarism deterrence
All manufacturers	R&D
Federal and State projects database progress chart	Transparency
Academia and government houses connection	R&D, Shibboleth consultancy
All churches/mosques and charities registered	Regulation and charitable projects monitoring
All government approved regulators registered	Regulation and transparent projects monitoring
All courses including technical	Education and training
Ideas databank	R & D
Standards and awards	Structured Total Quality development and monitoring

Data analytics opportunity by



In this chapter while on this subject we will explore;

1. Nigerian business and digital technology, digital divide, security issues and safeguarding against fraudsters (419ers).

2. Seizing New digital opportunities emerging amidst Buhari's anti-corruption challenges

So with digital technology we will be able to quantify what we have so we can control it better in all parts of the country, in any structure determined. As Peter Drucker says; "What gets measured, gets managed".

In the context of digital technology and measurement to management, in the previous chapter; the best successes enlisted about Nigeria globally is that she is 9th best country connected with mobile telephony, with about 1 in 4 people on average having a mobile phone, connected to a network and obviously consuming data.

This will obviously ping the ears of avid entrepreneurs because digitally in advanced economies the life cycle of mobile telephony is already known. This means in emerging market the potential is huge, the data also reveals that Nigeria is also one of the least conducting places for businesses to depend on network connectivity. The conflict or difference between the

9th most connected country and least conducive networked country, is where the opportunity will exist within the next 10 years as more reliable networks are produced for the 47 million SIMS to communicate with each other, to accommodate the supply chain of other products and services who will jointly sponsor the opportunity for these reliable networks.

## Background of Nigerian economy, digitization and pathways for restructuring

In 2015,. Nigeria was ranked 30th in the world, in terms of GDP, Indeed Nigeria still relies on crude oil for 80% of its foreign revenue, but that's only for foreign revenue. As of 2015 crude oil accounted for 14% of GDP. The chart below indicates each sector's contribution to GDP (Source: energymixreport.com). Nigeria will get the highest average GDP growth in the world between 2010–2050 according to Citigroup. The world bank states that Nigeria has reached lower middle class income status. Ironically most of the growth in GDP hasn't come from Oil and gas, but from ICT growth in the economy. The most recent data suggest that services account for 57% of GDP which was attributed to growth in ICT. The sector grew 7.7% in the third quarter of 2015, above overall growth which slowed to 4.7% in the same period. And the National Communication Commission (NCC) estimated that telecoms contributed up to 10% to economic output in 2015, with the potential to increase to 25% by 2050.

For the purpose of this book: Digital technologies is used to describe the use of digital resources to effectively find, analyse, create, communicate, and use information in a digital context. This encompasses the use of web 2.0 tools, digital media tools, programming tools and software applications. Recently the Guardian published - Nigeria's rapidly expanding middle class is driving demand for new newspapers, magazines, radio and television programmes, music, film, and more recently, digital media of all sorts. Thus Nigeria is the single fastest and largest media market in sub-Saharan Africa, and a handful of Nigerian media outfits have a pan-African reach. While the digital economy is still in its early days, its future is promising.

Following the 2008-9 global financial crises, the banking sector was effectively recapitalized and regulation enhanced. Since then, Nigeria's economic growth has been driven by growth in agriculture, telecommunications, and services. Economic diversification and strong growth have not translated into a significant decline in poverty levels, however - over 62% of Nigeria's 170 million people still live in extreme poverty. <https://www.cia.gov/library/pu...>

This means that those brands and individuals that integrate digital technologies into the core of their work will reap the huge benefits when the space fully matures.

Lagos residents will be familiar with "Computer Village" where Uche Obi, a dealer in mobile phones and accessories at the Computer Village, Lagos, said digital technologies have impacted so much on the way businesses are run. "For me, I upload my business online, giving me access to several millions of buyers out there, and I sit in my shop and transact business worth millions of naira, using digital technology tools," Obi said - as found in an Accenture 2015 Survey..

At present according to the Guardian, there are over 100 million digital subscribers, with 100% penetration, And it gets better with the expansion of competing national fibre backbone networks, applications such as ecommerce, online banking and e-payments, e-health, e-learning and e-government which are rapidly evolving. The government in early 2015 also committed to increasing broadband penetration from about 8% to 36% by 2018.

Buhari's clampdown on corruption has no doubt disturbed the money flow pathways and business as usual attitude, and this rejigging of the system is no doubt presenting a shock to the economy. Many will argue a more nuanced approach will have eased the burden, others will argue that a cancer such as corruption cannot be treated in 4 years, except by brutally severing off gangrened limbs of corruption, if and when they can be identified in a democratic dispensation. However in this new digital economy, new opportunities for e-healthcare, e-Agriculture, e-portals for different farm produce, and manufactured products according to quare now becoming not just wanted, but needed, as happened recently when some of my digital friends rudely discovered that the Tomatoes we



take for granted, is by far the staple to 75% of Nigerian meals especially because of our soups and stews. Thus they had to scour the locality for Tomato farmers, as lack of tomatoes and price of it presented an opportunity as much as the scarcity problem.



This is just for Tomatoes, so, with foresight, we can see that because of Nigerians over-reliance on FOREX to get imported products, there will now be focus for indigenously produced produce and products. This is where Digital technology is most needed and where database and data warehousing by Debonair Training is continuing to fill the gap and market need; harnessing our skillset as IBM certified, experienced, reliable and credible national database for industry provider.

An aggregated database that uses our E-Business technology (Business Intelligence and Data Warehousing) to provide multiple categorised data "JIT" - (Just in time) to entrepreneurs, thus facilitating decisions quicker, allowing more thorough research studies and of course hindsight, insight and foresight to meeting the market's needs, and providing solutions to problems faster. The current Rice inflation and recently Tomato inflation, and some few months back Fuel scarcity, could have been solved much faster and effects less obvious, if sufficient numbers of trained "Digital savvy Entrepreneurs" had filled this business space.

The Services percentage of GDP in Nigeria has risen sharply in the last 10 years, essentially due to a tiny "filling of the gap" in the "digital divide. This created enough room for the sector increase, as much as it has increased.

However, there is much more room to come and much more innovations in the making, following implementation of existing policies and creation of new ones.

*"Information technology is shaping our dreams very significantly. It is a very, very significant tool to prepare the young people for tomorrow and to help us improve the economy for today."* ~ Turner Isoun Minister of Science and Technology Nigeria

*"How do you educate four million children that you produce every year and prepare them to be competitive in the 21st century? That is our biggest challenge. We must use technology to democratize knowledge."* ~ Nasir Ahmad el-Rafai Minister Federal Capital Territory

The above two quotes are from previous ministers of Nigeria, to give us scope of their appreciation of the divide and evidently it hasn't all been lip-service.

Intel and Microsoft corporations have invested deeply in Nigeria and done their research. In a recent paper published by Intel:

It found the following impact in bridging the divide so far:



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- 55,000 Nigerians have purchased highly capable PCs.
  - The capital city of Abuja is covered by a high-speed WiMAX\* network.
  - Four local PC manufacturers are producing PCs for the program and

have increased production volumes by approximately 50 percent.

- Three banks are offering loans, and two have extended the program to their own employees.
- Participating employers include private enterprises, along with federal and state ministries and agencies.
- Internet connectivity
- Delivery and setup
- Two years of robust post-sales technical support, including a six-day-a-week hotline
- Three-year manufacturer's' warranty (parts and labor) plus two years of insurance

Intel aligned the program with government priorities and objectives. The government's goals included building a computer-literate workforce and improving the nation's economy. It decided on an Employee Purchase

Program (EPP) that would help private and public sector workers purchase PCs. Intel's survey showed that only 26 percent of Nigeria's workforce felt they had adequate IT skills, and an EPP would be an effective way to boost those skills. Employees would also present a lower-risk lending target than other constituencies might.

This penetration in bridging the digital divide must start from bottom up as well as top down. Concerning secondary schools:

*"In terms of exams and test scores, there have been great improvements in the pilot class as compared to other classes in the same grade. I believe the classmate PC introduction caused these improvements."* ~ Edegbe Osamwoni Perry Teacher Government J

Nigeria is also the site of Africa's first mobile eLearning school. Corona Secondary School, which is located in the Ogun state north west of Lagos

and is one of Nigeria's leading private secondary schools, wants to give its elite students the benefits of advanced technology and proven learning models. Building on its already substantial ICT infrastructure, Corona implemented a high-speed WiMAX wireless network and established a program to help parents purchase an Intel processor-based laptop computer. Approximately 200 students and their families have purchased Intel-based laptops through the program, empowering teachers and students to use technology and the Internet in all areas of the curriculum and at any location on campus. Corona's teachers have taken

advantage of the Intel® Teach\*\* program and skool™ teaching and learning resources. "Many students don't like mathematics, but when you take them to the PC to work on it, they become very excited," says Adekoya Mufutau, technology coordinator at Corona Secondary School. "Skool is very interactive, and students like it when the system responds to them. It keeps them working on the system for longer, and they learn more."

Debonairtraining.com combines a slew of technologies, and underlying methodologies to ensure this exciting interests of learners to teachers to content.

[www.debonairtraining.com/moodl...](http://www.debonairtraining.com/moodl...) with introduction to computer basics is a classic example.

The Nigerian Libraries pose an epitome of the "Digital divide", in the digital era, digital access to information in a modern method, will obviously

deliver modern results, as opposed to traditional or outdated results.

To paraphrase Bryson (1990): There is a gap that exists between traditional and modern methods of processing, storing, analyzing, retrieving, providing and using information in Nigerian libraries. The digital library (e-library) is a library that stored information electronically and made accessible to users through electronic systems and networks, but having no single physical location.

It is most important for all Article/Blog readers who wish to do their part in bridging the digital divide in Nigeria and indeed Africa, to get their local

Librarians at home in Nigeria, to read this, contact us e-library@debonairtraining.com. They hold the master keys, they are the gatekeepers to modern literacy and the fantastic future of Nigerian children that are being produced at the current rate of 4 million per year.

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## CYBER-SECURITY

All entrepreneurs and budding entrepreneurs who are not yet doing business online must in some level of a "Cyber security training course" regardless of the country you live in. You could be in America, and a computer network linked up in China, with hackers, with lead sponsors in Nigeria - stealing bank or credit card data from your mobile phone at any time. This also applies to companies, their directors, their employees, their customers and suppliers.

Essentially our interconnected global village also connects good for good results and bad for bad results. The advantages far outweigh the

disadvantages, as long one has invested enough time and resources to protect their data and the access to it. The present issue dogging Hillary Clinton in her bid to become the first female US president is really about her seriousness in handling cyber-security. Wikileaks also revealed some details

about President Goodluck Jonathan while he was in office. Debonair

Training Security courses illuminates all the aspects of security to be considered from beginner to advanced level.

Unfortunately in Nigeria's case, there is already a pervasive fraudulent image that hinders trust to start with, but simple investment in Security training and software, levels the playing field risk with the rest of the world. Again a "Debonair Training basic security course" provides all of these. At

the end of the modules you will have installed all the software to protect your adequately protect your business as with all our existing clients.

The array of cybercrimes include:

- Identity theft and invasion of privacy.
- Internet fraud.
- ATM fraud.
- Wire fraud.
- File sharing and piracy.
- Counterfeiting and forgery.
- Child pornography.
- Hacking.
- Computer viruses.
- Denial of service attacks.
- Spam,
- steganography
- e-mail hacking.
- Sabotage

- Fake Online lottery,
- Fake accreditation degrees,
- Phishing,
- online banking fraud,
- Credit card fraud



The list goes on, however, as in all crime, there is always the perpetual chase of the law close behind and eventual apprehension of criminals. This long list instead of scare honest entrepreneurs, we see this as an opportunity and a job creator for them. The internet world and its digital technology is here to stay and we have only just started exploring its potential globally, we are still only at stage WEB 2.0. As technology evolves so will the opportunities. The opportunities and profit growth curve will be higher in Nigeria and subsequently rest of Africa, because the digital divide is wider, and the precedence roadmap for policing cybercrime is already mapped out in Europe and America.

In a recent survey by "International Journal of Cognitive Research in



Science, Engineering and Education International Journal of Cognitive Research in Science, Engineering and Education" focusing on APPROACH TO CYBER SECURITY ISSUES IN NIGERIA: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTION, they echo almost exactly Debonair's digital security training points;;

Instances were studied such as- Elekwe, a chubby-faced 28-year-old man made a fortune through the scam after two years of joblessness despite having diploma in computer science. He was lured to Lagos from Umuahia

by the chief of a fraud gang in a business center. He has three sleek cars and two houses from his exploits. In July 2001, four Nigerians suspected to be operating a "419" scam on the internet to dupe unsuspecting foreign investors in Ghana were arrested by security agencies. Their activities are believed to have led to the loss of several millions of foreign currencies by prospective investors. Two young men were recently arrested after making an online purchase of two laptops advertised by a woman on her website under false claims. They were arrested at the point of delivery by government officials. Mike Amadi was sentenced to 16 years imprisonment for setting up a website that offered juicy but phony procurement contracts. The man impersonated the EFCC Chairman, but he was caught by an undercover agent posing as an Italian businessman. The biggest international scam of all was committed by Amaka Anajemba who was sentenced to 2½ years in prison. She was equally ordered to return \$25.5 million of the \$242 million she helped to steal from a Brazilian bank.

Another recent internet scam case was reported on the Sunday PUNCH

newspaper of July 16, 2006 involving a 24-year-old Yekini Labaika of Osun State origin in Nigeria and a 42-years-old nurse of American origin, by

name Thumbelina Hinshaw, in search of a Muslim lover to marry. The young

man deceived the victim by claiming to be an American Muslim by the name, Phillip Williams, working with an oil company in Nigeria and he promised to marry her. He devised dubious means to swindle \$16,200 and

lots of valuable materials from the victim. The scammer later was



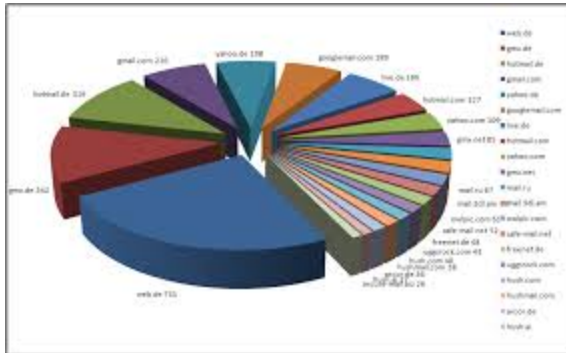
sentenced to a total of 19½ years having been found guilty of eight-counts against him. Incidences like these are on the increase. Several young men unabated are still carrying out these illegal acts successfully, ripping off credulous individuals and organizations. Recently, a report indicated that Nigeria is losing about \$80 million yearly to software piracy. The report was the finding of a study conducted by Institute of Digital Communication, a market research and forecasting firm, based in South Africa, on behalf of Business Software Alliance of South Africa. The American National Fraud Information Centre reported Nigerian money offers as the fastest growing online scam, up to 90% in 2001. The Centre also ranked Nigerian cyber-crime impact per capita as being exceptionally high.

Those involved are between 18-25 years mostly resident in the urban centers. The internet has helped in modernizing fraudulent practices among the youths. Online fraud is seen as the popularly accepted means of economic sustenance by the youths involved. The corruption of the political leadership has enhanced the growth of internet crime subculture. The value placed on wealth accumulation has been a major factor in the involvement of youths in online fraud.

At Debonair Training, the solution to cyber crime in our Training modules include at different levels:

- General Data protection and hacking prevention habits and discipline
- Education on potential abuse of data and cost
- The law and intellectual property introduction
- Location Verification
- Identity verification
- IP verification and tracking
- Networking with CCTV monitoring system
- Antivirus and Worms

- Firewalls
- Encryption and sensitive financial transaction guidelines plus added
- layered intrusion prevention software



In Nigeria, we have found that the most vulnerability could be in "Phishing". Phishing is a method used to compromise the computers of and steal sensitive information from individuals by pretending to be an email from or the website of a trusted organization. For example, a person receives an email that appears to be from the recipient's bank requesting that recipient verify certain information on a web form that mimics the bank's website. However with the right training, a trained up person or organisation employee will not make themselves vulnerable to such cyber-crime and will have a layered protection system in place. For more information email [securitycourses@debonairtraining.com](mailto:securitycourses@debonairtraining.com)

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## PROFIT OPPORTUNITIES AND SUCCESS STORIES

### THE WEALTH IN MOBILE DEVICES

There is an opportunity for all existing businesses who already have business websites, to upgrade them to web 2.0 and mobile device compliant, and at the same time include GOOGLE MAP. When Debonair Training optimises you for SEARCH ENGINES, it means customers can easily be guided to find you at your location and park their car in your designated car park. This gives you a competitive edge. At present Debonair Training installs mobile

enabled sites with google map to our rapidly growing clientele of hoteliers as part of the package in managing their E-BUSINESS ACCOUNT. For the smaller businesses and restaurants or shops we offer the option of getting their chief I.T person TRAINED to either upgrade the company's corporate website or to support the bespoke e-business solution we produce for the client. For more on this or a demo email [mobile@debonairtraining.com](mailto:mobile@debonairtraining.com)

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### WEALTH HIDDEN IN PLAIN VIEW

As mentioned earlier Debonair Training is currently capitalising on the market gap in the digital divide, in our well researched market share. There is so much untapped wealth simply because of unrecognised and non-aggregated data. Using our E-Business skill and experience we are partnering up with marketing and research organisations to populate our data warehouses in Nigeria with Nigerian information. Our partners already have experienced what we can do using Customer Relationship Management (CRM), Business Intelligence (BI) and Supply Chain Management (SCM) technologies. So if you are business analyst entrepreneur, a marketing and research executive or a call center director, looking for partners to tap into this wealth to chart Nigeria's fantastic digital future, browse our digital and training portals or email directly now [data\\_partnership@debonairtraining.com](mailto:data_partnership@debonairtraining.com)

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### SUCCESS STORY OF JUMIA IN ECOMMERCE

The advent of e-commerce giants Jumia and Konga in the Nigerian space has also led to a dramatic opening in the industry calculated to be worth US\$13 billion in 2018. Reduction in costs and access to large numbers of people are major reasons driving the establishment of more internet solutions and the shift from physical to online. Ultimately, success in this

industry will largely depend on new innovations that guarantee comfort, ease, and fast feedback. Debonair Training is one of the few Tech

companies seizing advantage of the current economic climate to provide bridges to profitable digital opportunities in Nigeria and for Nigerians in

diaspora. For start ups that will be future Jumia's. For more on our e-business campaign approach email [campaigns@debonairtraining.com](mailto:campaigns@debonairtraining.com)

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## POWER OF DIGITALLY GUIDED CAMPAIGNS AND REFORMING GOVERNANCE STEP BY STEP USING SOCIAL MEDIA AND VETTED PEER GROUPS

The recent election that brought President Buhari to power erased any doubt in the minds cynics who said what works in America doesn't work in

Nigeria or Africa It became very clear to all what a well thought out and persistent strategy influences.. I personally can testify to its power because i

was right in the middle of it as a skilled digital technologist as well as digital warrior collaborating with a team of other warriors. Together we led a legion and flooded cyberspace with the message of change, and leading a team of other warriors we galloped to victory.

We studied the tactics that a relatively unknown Senator from Illinois rose from obscurity to the White House and followed his CRM driven road map to deliver relatively similar success for a Nigerian state governor aspirant.

The CRM driven road map is documented here:

<https://drive.google.com/open?...>

Also how he rode to victory integrating 13 Million facebook fans to fuel his record breaking attended speeches, cum making it count at the ballot box:

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Now all these digital warriors coalesced due to our common theme groups on social media. This ability to coalesce in groups of like minds is the one remaining to power, to be really untapped to unleash Africa, and its already happening. This is the space Debonair Training is filling and scheduled to roll out innovative products soon with our global partners.



Another example of the power of social grouping in realworld pressing problem and solution that Debonair Training has taken the initiative on is

MATCHMAKING. Upon doing our research, the market is a greenfield and

FB Matchmaker is successfully matching clients, especially Nigerian ones  
[www.fbmatchmaker.com](http://www.fbmatchmaker.com)

For more information on any part mentioned on “Nigerian business and digital technology, digital divide, security and fraud prevention” visit

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~ Gregory Ekhaton (Digital Solutions Architect),  
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# Chapter 5: Nigerian unity in context of world history

## NIGERIAN UNITY IN CONTEXT OF WORLD HISTORY

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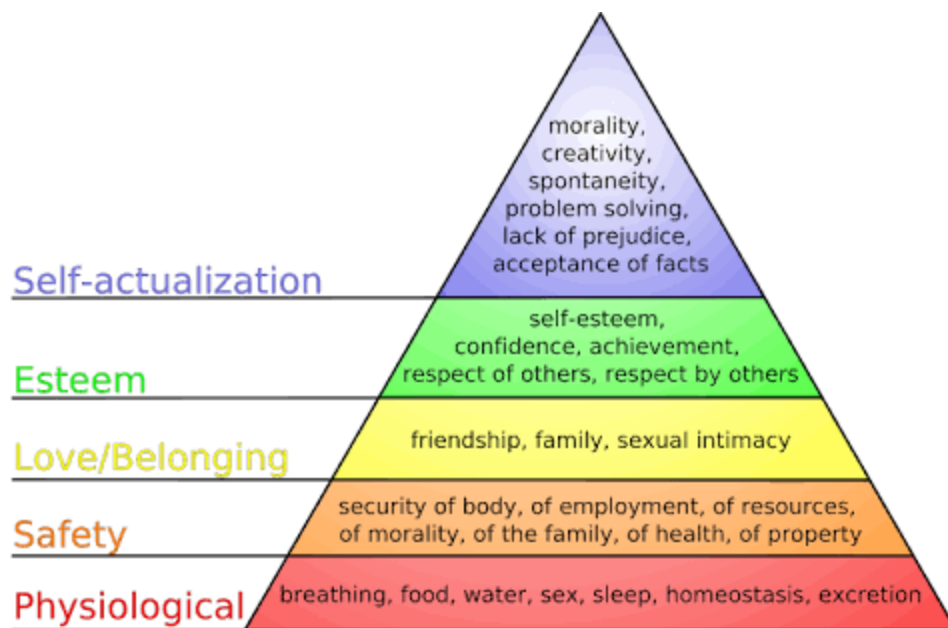
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On a fateful day - May 2, 2013, i blew a fuse (metaphorically).

Disunity is our bane, leaving us distracted & distrustful. Naturally no Nigerian wants to waste their life, albeit clearly lives are wasted everyday, needlessly.

On the roads, in the hospitals, in our crime ridden cities, in police cells, in prisons. From over-working overseas host country, without commensurate due reward, from scam artists emptying life's saving.

No matter who WE are or where WE are, collectively WE are all near the bottom of the pyramid, barely secure with our lives & belongings. All of this, because we resist unity and according to Fasau, OVERRATE ourselves and our problems.



This is one of the key reasons why restructuring Nigeria without addressing cultural issues will have not long term effect, such that in about 2 years we will be searching for another solution again,

if those who have the foresight do not speak up with a loud enough voice now!!!

H5P OF NIGERIA DEVELOPMENT FROM TRIBAL LOIN CLOTH TO MODERN DAY WITH IMAGES AND VIDEO FROM INDIGENOUS NOTE, EACH IMAGE/VIDEO HAVING A SHORT DESCRIPTION AS APPLIES TO TOPE'S ARTICLE.

Tope Fasau wrote "NIGERIANS, STOP OVERRATING YOURSELVES AND YOUR PROBLEMS#

So Nigeria was formed illegally? Good, so were 99% other countries in the world. Australia was a colony where british convicts were settled and made to work for 7 years as penance for crime. Ireland was dismembered, and the southern part only got their independence in 1922. USA was a country made up mostly of white slaves - many from Scotland and Ireland, who were forced to go to the 'new world' to work and toil for their masters. They were treated like freeborns only when the black slaves started to arrive from Africa and some of them started teaming up with blacks to escape. The freedom they got was that they got a small piece of land after working for about 15-20 years.

The state of Georgia in the USA was created as a colony for people declared bankrupt in Britain to come and work for years to pay back their



debt. The 'red Indians' were totally exterminated, just like Australian aborigines. Mexico was 419ed out of vast territories like California, New Mexico, The Carolinas, and Arizona, to name a few. Costly wars were fought. Many even believe in the USA that the few founding fathers never spoke for them in agreeing a merger of the states. It used to be that every state stood alone. Who really appointed the Jeffersons and Washingtons to speak for the people? could the agreements reached by those bourgeoisie merchants and scholars be said to be really representative of the wishes of every american? till date, many people from southern states want to break away in the USA...

ALL other African countries were created arbitrarily by colonial masters of different hue and cobbled together by force. Nigeria and Ghana, esp Nigeria, stand out as one of the freest in terms of intellectual thought and politics. It seems true that in Francophone African countries, one of the agreements signed with France as they grudgingly granted independence, is that any mineral 6 metres into the ground, belongs to France. Liberia - the only country colonized by the almighty USA in Africa - is no more than a slave camp till date. They speak 16 languages there, and are only 3.5million! Ghana speaks about 60 languages - 40million of them. I believe Africa has more reason to unite and have large countries than any other peoples because of our peculiar history and the need to help ourselves. Someone said there were 10,000 independent NATIONS in Africa before the white man came and amalgamated most of them. Do we expect, seriously, that there will be 10,000 countries in Africa, all with ambassadors in different countries??

India was forced together as a country by the brits as well. They would have been larger than China if Pakistan and Bangladesh hadn't broken off. Today, a bitter war still rages, and india is still made up of very disparate tribes, clans and castes, from almost white people to very black people in the south! China was formed by force. The Zhonguo Empire as it was known managed to force many people to stay together, from eskimos to muslims who look more like europeans. there are even black chinese! Canada was created by force - wars between France and England for territory led to some parts - Quebec - speaking French and the others speaking English till today. Even England was created by force. the name

London is from Londinium an 11th century name given by the romans who ruled the world then, who created the city. Everywhere i look, there is nowhere where they called a large referendum in those olden days to ask the people 'do you want to stay together?'.  
I SAY NIGERIANS OVERRATE THEMSELVES, OVERRATE THE SO-CALLED PECULIARITY OF THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES. I THINK WHAT WE SHOULD DO IS TO POSITIVELY BUILD ON OUR REALITY AND URGENTLY SEE THE IMPERATIVE OF UNITY. I THINK THE REASONABLE ONES AMONG US SHOULD KEEP COMING TOGETHER SO THAT WE CAN REASON OUR WAYSOUT OF OUR QUAGMIRE. I THINK WE SHOULD START REALISING THAT HAING A COUNTRY TO CALL ONE'S OWN IS REALLY A PRIVILEGE, THAT WE SOUND LIKE CHILDREN WHO, GIVEN ONE TOY IN HAND, KEEP ASKING FOR DIFFERENT OTHER TOYS... . I THINK PEOPLE SHOULD READ WIDE AND OPEN THEIR MINDS, ELSE WE WOULD ENTER RASH SITUATIONS BASED ON HALF KNOWLEDGE AND MYOPIA

I leave us with these three great quotes of Achebe, which speaks to this subject very aptly...

"When brothers fight to death a stranger inherits their father's estate."

"The man that brings ant-infested faggots into his hut should not grumble when lizards begin to visit him."

"A disease that has never been seen before cannot be cured by everyday herbs."

"A disease that has never been seen before cannot be cured with everyday herbs."

SO WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS, MY FRIENDS?

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Francisco Okwesa you don come with pyramid again.

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Greg Ekhaton Paquito Okwesa, na only pyramid u see, the text content nkor, about say, we aint all that difference from the rest of the world, and for us to get with the programme?

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Francisco Okwesa siddon look is my default mode

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Greg Ekhaton Paquito, unfortunately, and to our self detriment!  
Its like shooting ourselves in the foot, ever tried it literally?? lol

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Francisco Okwesa with all due respect,time we change the stylus to get better music.

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Francisco Okwesa no it is not.u can talk till the cow's come home but if u or i were in 9ja we will tow the line.

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 Greg Ekhator

Greg Ekhator Well, my bro, fortunately i get am d DJ around here ... and do the changing of the stylus, gives a hand with shifting d invitees over? ahahahaha

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 Francisco Okwesa

Francisco Okwesa good

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 Greg Ekhator

Greg Ekhator Paquito, i have always know, we ain't all that!!! We need to know that the leaders are doing what we would do, when we are in their shoes, fi not worse, as shown in the last 53 years. So whats the change agent????

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Francisco Okwesa god knows.look at the chaps line up themselves for post in politics come 2015.we must have a formidable opposition to unseat pdp but not the way they are carrying on now.for as long as the politics is about





cash and carry and not about policies and ideas nigeria will be lost politically if not financially.

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Francisco Okwesa

Francisco Okwesa tope who lives in the country is forever questioning the system admirably.

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Yomi Okusanya Scott

Yomi Okusanya Scott I agree with him Greg ...

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Greg Ekhator

Greg Ekhator Paquito, exactly, so its not just about the moaning of things not working, all this our chattering shout be amounting to some formation of ideologies, and us galvanising around it. And then getting the populace involved along the way.

Much like the English premier league have got 9jrns religiously following football developments in England.... Abi??

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Greg Ekhatator Yomi Okusanya, yes indeed, he articulated my position exactly in the big scheme of things....

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 Philo Asimu

Philo Asimu Hmmmmmmmmmm!! 9ja project.. Bros Greg I am taking a break for three months away from Nigeria palava. It is just a waste of time and effort most times...

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Mandy Okundaye Philo Asimu.....Really a waste of time..

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 Philo Asimu

Philo Asimu My dear, hope you rested from your flight? When the people in Nigeria feels that they have suffered enough and are willing to help themselves then we will join then, but until that happens I will continue to mangle my life here....

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 Mandy Okundaye

Mandy Okundaye I am still jetlagging..

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Greg Ekhatior Philo, i know exactly what you mean!

Its because their mindset is completely different from ours, they see things in a very myopic and basic way.

That mindset can hardly change until there is some unity, some credible people power in some important num...[See More](#)

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 Greg Ekhatior

Greg Ekhatior Mandy, ekpele o! for jet lag o!

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 Mandy Okundaye

Mandy Okundaye I hear ohhh my broda..Thanks



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[Greg Ekhatior](#) My sister [Philo](#), wetin happen naw?

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[Philo Asimu](#) Not much bros.. I am just focusing on putting something away for the raining days.. Pension will not be enough to maintain my farming project....



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Greg Ekhaton ok, i c, very wise decision, dear

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Offiah Nonye @ Philo, so true, until the people in Nigeria start helping themselves then we can join them. Nigeria talk gives me headache...

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 Greg Ekhaton

Greg Ekhaton Nonye Onyido, true that, including the 9jrns in diaspora too.

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 Offiah Nonye

Offiah Nonye @Greg so true, a 9jrian in diaspora should try to get in power so we can implement all we've learnt. You go for President Greg, I will definitely support you. All Nigeria needs is light , water, proper environment for life to flourish. we don't even need a benefit system...

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 Greg Ekhatator





Greg Ekhaton Nonye, my dear! Thank you for the vote of confidence. A few other patriots have also suggested this to me. Princess Blessing et Al are other lovely 9jrns who have suggested this. I am beginning to believe you all Hahaha!

But each time, I have replied...[See More](#)

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Offiah Nonye Ok if you say so [Greg Ekhaton](#)....We africa people need honest leaders....

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 Greg Ekhaton

Greg Ekhaton Nonye Onyido, yes o, we desperately do!!

Hence i am reaching out even via fb, and influencing mindset of individuals, because in the big scheme of things .... THOUGHTS ARE THINGS!!!

AND 9JRNS HAVE THIS HERD MENTALITY!!!!...[See More](#)

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After all lets consider, how many tribes we have in a relatively small portion of land compared to the rest of the world?

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Greg Ekhatore Nigel Taylor, absolutely!

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Greg Ekhatore

Greg Ekhatore I HAVE HAD REASON TO REFER PEOPLE TO THIS NOTE, 3 TIMES IN THE LAST ONE WEEK..... AND GUESS WHAT, THEY WERE ALL BLAMING THE WHITE MAN FOR THE WORLD'S PROBLEM, UNTIL THEY READ THIS.

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Greg Ekhaton The disunity advocates r still not perceiving their myopia!!

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Greg Ekhaton Glad u liked it Shalom Odutayo, pls share to enlighten our peeps?

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Taylor A Mason

Taylor A Mason Economical Emancipation Proclamation August 12 2008 10:40 in the morning! By Tommy C Castle Sr. Free to Practice trade with our Brothers and sisters all over the globe, research it get with you business partners (NOT THE LIARS!) this is history being m...[See More](#)

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Greg Ekhatör @Nigel, no comprehend' in context of post (unity & world history) ie Out Of Point (OOP) =))°°°°°°HaHaHa°°°°°°=))

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Koshoni Aromire

Koshoni Aromire hmmmmm maybe well said but only to those that can reason with the content. Until we can see beyond our cultural difference and realise that no matter our differences we can make a better life if only we over look our short coming.

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Greg Ekhatör How soon, do you think this will happen though?

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 Ego-Phil Onwuzulike

Ego-Phil Onwuzulike Gbam!When you talk like this those in denial of the reality wil give you names !We have hit rock bottom,and the only way to go is up.It is that or we will have no tomorrow!!!!

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Greg Ekhator Ego-Phil Onwuzulike, GBAAAM!

We have hit rock bottom, and all have to look up now!

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Greg Ekhatator Francisco Okwesa, Mandy Okundaye, Ego-Phil  
Onwuzulike, Nonye Onyido, Philo Asimu, Yomi Okusanya Scott,



A sea change has happened now, the ball is now in our court!!!

Much work to be done!...[See More](#)

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Philo Asimu

Philo Asimu Work already started here Geg.....Am good and ready ...

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Greg Ekhatior

Greg Ekhatior Philo Asimu, i trust you nau!!

We need to meet up soonest!!! ??

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Ego-Phil Onwuzulike

Ego-Phil Onwuzulike We need to shake up the educational curriculum and inculcate history, and civics, with emphasis on rights and obligations of citizens in determining who gets political power. The constitution should also be made a compulsory study subject in all tiers of ed...[See More](#)

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Greg Ekhaton In light of Oba of Lagos and Igbo voting or not voting debacle let's reflect with this in context of this article, in particular the words of Tope Fasua vis a vis, overrating ourselves and our peculiarity??

Christie Nonyelum Akumabor, please weigh in with your thoughts too, if you will?

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 Greg Ekhaton

Greg Ekhaton Yeside Lebi Coker, i think this collaborates with your note on unity, and offers insight into our differences as well as similarities, as you succinctly pointed out. Such as Ise, Ase, and Ese all meaning Amen.... in most of the south of Nigerian tribes.

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 Yeside Lebi Coker

Yeside Lebi Coker Yes they are all related. All have the same meaning

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 Greg Ekhaton

Greg Ekhaton Thanks again Tope Fasua for the original article my article is based on.

You are highly carried



# Chapter 6: Foreseeing a restructured Nigeria

## TRIBALISM AND DISUNITY PROBLEM

April 24, 2013 at 1:23pm

In 2017, restructuring is the buzz word, but restructuring discussion has been trending in some circles for a while. It is only now trending nationally because Nnamdi Kanu has agitated enough about it with a copious dose of tribalism backed with the a demand for secession.



Recently I said in a speech "Sometimes I feel the pain Wole Soyinka, Chinua Achebe and Emir Sanusi Lamido Sanusi (popularly known as SLS), as there were just not enough intellectuals in their class, to effect a sustained change in School of thought"

This is so because when we ponder our ethnic or tribal tendencies, it inhibits a progressive society, particularly meritocracy. This chapter will enable us foresee the problems in restructuring Nigeria without us first dealing with the primordial tribal problems mentioned in Chapter 2.

This was originally an interactive article reproduced here in this book for immersive learning, as readers identify with the contributors thoughts or not.

Bear in mind that this article was written in 2013 before SLS became the Emir of Kano. One of the brilliant Nigerian leaders of our time.

My friends, this is an interesting speech given by Sanusi (SLS), based on a book titled "Nigeria, Africa's failed asset"!!! He echoes my thoughts

exactly on the issue of tribalism and disunity; perhaps because I had done the research and can verify he is historically correct.



Sanusi Lamido's Response To Sir Olaniwun Ajayi's Book by idiopathic:  
6:17pm On Feb 08, 2011 Sanusi Lamido's response to Sir Olaniwun Ajayi's book titled "Nigeria , Africa 's failed asset"

" It attracted many important dignitaries, intellectuals and some governors. Sanusi faults Olaniwun Ajayi on Northern domination. The then Central Bank Governor, Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, surprised guests present at the Muson Centre for the launching of the book.

The argument by discussants centered on whether or not the colonial masters laid the foundation for the problems Nigeria is currently facing. Many argued that the British loved the North and that was why it gave more than 50 percent of the National Assembly seats to the North at independence. Sanusi, however, stole the show when he spoke. His speech was anchored on the plank that the British and Nigerian rulers are

responsible for the state of the situation Nigeria finds itself today. Below is his

unedited speech.

"Let me start by saying that I am Fulani (laughter). My grandfather was an Emir and therefore I represent all that has been talked about this afternoon. Sir Ajayi has written a book. And like all Nigerians of his generation, he has written in the language of his generation."My grandfather was a Northerner, I am a Nigerian. The problem with this

country is that in 2009, we speak in the language of 1953. Sir Olaniwun can be forgiven for the way he spoke, but I cannot forgive people of my generation speaking in that language."Let us go into this issue because there are so many myths that are being bandied around. Before colonialism, there was nothing like Northern Nigeria, Before the Sokoto Jihad, there was nothing like the Sokoto caliphate. The man from Kano regard himself as bakane. The man from Zaria was bazazzage. The man from Katsina was bakatsine. The kingdoms were at war with each other. They were Hausas, they were Muslims, they were killing each other."The Yoruba were Ijebu, Owo, Ijesha, Akoko, Egba. When did they become one? When did the North become one? You have the Sokoto Caliphate that brought every person from Adamawa to Sokoto and said it is one kingdom. They nowsaid it was a Muslim North."The Colonialists came, put that together and said it is now called the Northern Nigeria. Do you know what happened? Our grand fathers were able to transform to being Northerners. We have not been able to transform to being Nigerians. The fault is ours.Tell me, how many governors has South West produced after Awolowo that are role models of leadership? How many governors has the East produced like Nnamdi Azikiwe that can be role models of leadership? How Many governors inthe Niger Delta are role models of leadership? Tell

me. There is no evidence statistically that any part of this country has

produced good leaders.You talk about Babangida and the economy. Who were the people in charge of the economy during Babangida era? Olu Falae, Kalu Idika Kalu. What state are they from in the North?"We started the banking reform; the first thing I heard was that in Urobo land, that there will be a curse of the ancestors. I said they (ancestors) would not

answer. They said why? I said how many factories did Ibru build in Urobo land? So, why will the ancestors of the Urobo people support her?"We talk ethnicity when it pleases us. It is hypocrisy. You said elections were rigged in 1959, Obasanjo and Maurice Iwu rigged election in 2007. Was it a Southern thing? It was not.

"The problem is: everywhere in this country, there is one Hausa, Ibo, Yoruba and Itshekiri man whose concern is how to get his hands on the pile and

how much he can steal. Whether it is in the military or in the civilian government, they sit down, they eat together. In fact, the constitution says there must be a minister from every state."So, anybody that is still preaching that the problem of Nigeria is Yoruba or Hausa or Fulani, he does not love Nigeria . The problem with Nigeria is that a group of people from each and every ethnic tribe is very selfish. The poverty that is found in Maiduguri is even worse than any poverty that you find in any part of the South. The British came for 60 years and Sir Ajayi talked about few numbers of graduates in the North (two at independence) . What he did not say was that there was a documented policy of the British when they came that the Northerner should not be educated. It was documented. It was British colonial policy. I have the document. I have published articles on it. That if you educate the Northerner you will produce progressive Muslim intellectuals of the type we have in Egypt and India. So, do not educate them. It was documented. And you say they love us (North)."I have spent the better part of my life to fight and Dr. (Reuben) Abati knows me. Yes, my grandfather was an Emir. Why was I in the pro-democracy movement fighting for June 12? Is (Moshood) Abiola from Kano ? Why am I a founding director of the Kudirat Initiative for Nigerian Development (KIND)?

"There are good Yoruba people, good Igbo people, good Fulani people, good Nigerians and there are bad people everywhere. That is the truth.

"Stop talking about dividing Nigeria because we are not the most populous country in the world. We have all the resources that make it easy to make one united great Nigeria . It is better if we are united than to divide it."Every





time you talk about division, when you restructure, do you know what will happen? In Delta Area, the people in Warri will say Agbor, you don't have oil. When was the Niger Delta constructed as a political entity? Ten years ago, the Itshekiris were fighting the Urobos. Isn't that what was happening? Now they have become Niger Delta because they have found oil. After, it will be, if you do not have oil in your village then you cannot share our resources."There is no country in the world where resources are found in everybody's hamlet. But people have leaders and they said if you have this geography and if we are one state, then we have a responsibility for making sure that the people who belong to this country have a good nature.

"So, why don't you talk about;

we don't have infrastructure,

we don't have education,

we don't have health.

We are still talking about Fulani. Is it the Fulani cattle rearer or is anybody saying there is no poverty among the Fulani?", he said.

NOW MY FRIEND, - WHATS YOUR OPINION OF THE TRIBALISM AND DISUNITY PROBLEM? -

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Diana Johnson Thanks for this **Greg**...Sanusi Lamido speaks the truth.



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Djtits UO Too simple to be a lie!

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Greg Ekhatator Thank you Diana, for agreeing.

He is a maverick, who speaks his mind....

Very logical with facts to back him up too.

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 Greg Ekhatator

Greg Ekhatator Alsu, hahahahaa! Abi o!

I like the way u put it!!



;-)

So it seems he is saying the finger pointers are the problems?

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Djtits UO It always is! When one points a finger they seldom see that 3 points back at them! Try point at a your wall now and look at your palm!

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Greg Ekhatior Ignatius Nwachukwu, my thoughts exactly!

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Nicholas Mensan Gaba I agree with him. I have always postulated that dividing Nigeria will not solve any problem. The corruption , dishonesty and

lack of conscience will continue in the divisions. We are bad people with "federal character".

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Greg Ekhatior Nicholas, my brother, you are right!

So i wonder why about 50% of 9jrns still toy around with separating the country being a solution. Why?

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Greg Ekhatior Recent happenings, just make unity dicey o!!!

Abi, how una see am?

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 Jide Obe

Jide Obe You got to hand it to SLS. He is bluntly factual.

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 [Ukpon'refe Kennedy Aimiuwu](#)

[Ukpon'refe Kennedy Aimiuwu](#) Sanusi has said it as it has never been said! Over to our generation!! The generations before us have benefitted immensely from NIGERIA as a country! Shall we follow Asari Dokubo, Uwazuirike MASSOB, OPC and the Ango Abdulahis to ruin the future for the next generation?

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[Greg Ekhatior](#) [Ukpon'refe Kennedy Aimiuwu](#), exactly my thoughts exactly in light of recent developments in 9ja??

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Greg Ekhator Yinka Theisen, yes indeed you can re-post this, cheers.

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Greg Ekhator Speaking of solution my brother, have u seen this [Zed Ayeni](#)

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ie provide the basic amenities, not loot them, & expose those who loot them....

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 Vincent Chidi Emenike

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Chief Greg Ekhator, this is what am talking about. You hit de nail badly with this post. All what sanusi said is the apex of all our problems. We should be

ashamed of our generation period.

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 Greg Ekhatior

Greg Ekhatior My bro, indeed, we should be ashamed of our generation, & some of our friends inability to see things judiciously from the right perspective. It is very shameful, & the worse thing is its not even down to education or enlightenment, because some of the folks espousing these narrow parochial views are very well educated...

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You r right.

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I think the question we should be asking now is how do conquer or cure this madness. Because, tribalism has eaten up most of these fellows to the extent they see it as a normal thing in life, and if there is no preventing measure taken they might even turn to racist towards their same race.

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Greg Ekhatior I suggest :

1. The moral custodians should be taken to task by the people, or well



meaning United 9jrs.

2. we should measure of the basic amenities is provided by the govt, to all sections of 9ja, so equity can be transparent....[See More](#)

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Zed Ayeni

[Zed Ayeni](#) [Greg Ekhator](#) - He did this in 2011 and here we are still asking the same question and fighting the same fight without progress. Wow- GOD bless Nigeria. I love the article

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Greg Ekhator

[Greg Ekhator](#) [Zed](#), exactly!! We need to really rally some momentum for anti-tribalism & unity! Otherwise d status quo will use d age old tactic to divide & conquer us

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Zed Ayeni

[Zed Ayeni](#) [Greg Ekhator](#) - How do we start. I know it takes one person to start. I am all in. How do we set it up and who else will actually step up. I wonder.

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David Okoturo

David Okoturo Bendel was an example of model but the so called elite destroy it. Sam Ogbemudia is still regarded as a true statesman by all ethnic tribe that make up old Bendel

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David Okoturo

David Okoturo With the so called my tribe better pass you syndrome, it will only get worse. GEJ suppose to be PhD educated(I doubt) has joined the bandwagon with E K Clark et al as mentors.

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Greg Ekhatior Yes, & its such a shame, but the man no get liver, i nor even know whether na GEJ dey talk or pesin dey talk thru am

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Greg Ekhatör You see naw!



Corruption is fighting back, what are we going to do?

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Ayodele T Alex

Ayodele T Alex this speech is extremely correct, i've always enjoy the opinion of this man Called Sanusi. i think we need to think right and act right.

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~ SLS

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Pride Osayamwen

Pride Osayamwen Tribalism and Disunity are a natural phenomena; can't be stopped only minimized using enforceable rules / laws of society. Whenever you land from an airplane in London or the United States, there are always people who don't want you there but why are ...[See More](#)

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Nathan Nath

Nathan Nath Great speech!

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Greg Ekhatior Pride, indeed d law is supposed to discourage discrimination! But I do not recall even one discrimination lawsuit in 9ja! Funny that?

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 Pride Osayamwen

Pride Osayamwen We would see laws and their enforcement when the judiciary wakes up from their slumber. Until then, every man / woman for him / her self. Our lawyers will probably make more money challenging government for no fixing roads, thereby leading to loss of ...[See More](#)

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Tony Osagie My brother National Character in itself encourages tribalism . I appreciate the talk of Ogbemudias time . But you must understand that the policy of the federal government then was development . Take a look at history all the governors at that time exc...[See More](#)

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 Femi Obiomah

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Greg Ekhatior In light of the recent election victory by GMB the dynamics have now changed completely again!!!

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 Femi Obiomah



Femi Obiomah We must start with the constitution. Federalism must be fully implemented. Sharia must be fully removed or all other religious laws must be included

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Charlie Chirah Abboh

Charlie Chirah Abboh Well any reasonable Nigerian who has studied history and politics will definitely agree with mr. Sanusi and Greg Ekhator his thinking is in line with all have been discussing here throughout this election. We have a Nigerian problem, not an hausa, ibo ...[See More](#)

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Greg Ekhator Charlie Chirah Abboh, GBAAAM GBAAAM, GBAAAAAAAAM! You have hit the nail on the head again wella!!!

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Femi Obiomah

Femi Obiomah There is side of ethnic overlords oppressing their less privileged. The aspects SLS did not mention is the act of attacks and subsequent murder of other people by the people they deceive and oppress. We can never get anywhere if SLS and his colleagues ...[See More](#)

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 Femi Obiomah

Femi Obiomah We can't have 2 constitutions in one especially when they contradict each other. One says there's freedom of religion the other says its illegal to change from Islam

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 Niyi Obembe

Niyi Obembe Greg Ekhator thanks for sharing this again. SLS due to our pettiness was not allowed to take Nigeria to higher grounds. He certainly like all humans have issues but all I have personally seen of the guy - oozes highest level of integrity. Only if he can park his tenure as Emir on hold and come to provide nigeria once a again his service - I know Kano wants him Maryam but Nigeria needs him too!

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 Greg Ekhator

Greg Ekhator Niyi Obembe, the guy SLS has given his quota, and according to him, he is contented enough to even exit the planet based on his accomplishments.

If i were him, i wouldn't ever take up any public position due to his experience

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 Ruby Ochoniya Aduku

Ruby Ochoniya Aduku You get power o! Na inside this una cold your brain  
dey function so?

My own brain don freeze! Nice one!



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[Greg Ekhatator](#) Ha ha ha!

Na the cold dey make d brain motivated to work.

For inside d brain dey too fried to work properly

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[Paschal Nwosu](#)

[Paschal Nwosu](#) we need a certain decree of disunity for progress.political unity is unattainable in a true democracy

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[Greg Ekhatator](#) [Tony Osagie](#), concerning tribalism, you need to read this note

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Greg Ekhatior In context of what's happening today. We should remind our selves to collectively reflect on this & then share.

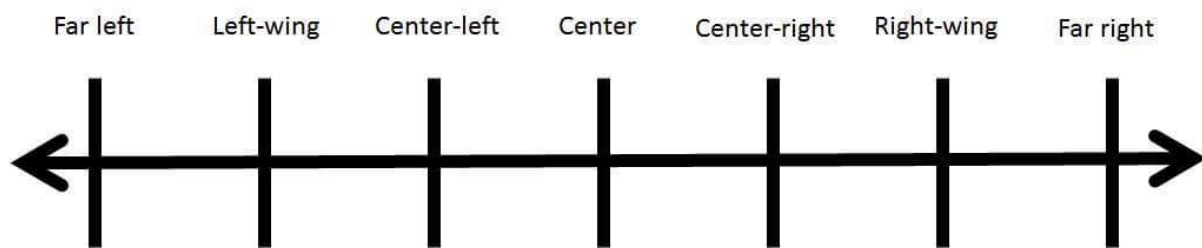
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## Chapter Five

### Nigerian Political Ideology

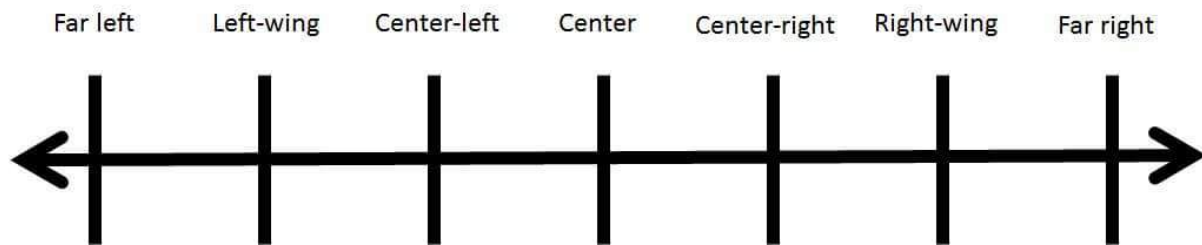


This chapter will focus on the brand of democratic politics practiced In Nigeria, and an open social media proposal I made in 2012 when the Jonathan administration held sway.

The Nigerian political system is modelled after the American presidential system of governance, and as such at the very least just like the American political system that perpetuates right and left ideologies from the best of American values, similarly - there should be known political ideologies that flow from our collective values held dear by Nigerians.

PROPOSAL DOCUMENT FOR CHANGING  
SHIFTING NIGERIA IDEOLOGY AND POLITICS  
TO FIRMLY ONE OF ISSUE BASED POLITICS

February 6, 2012 at 8:21pm



I am not a politician, however it is clear we have concerns the way democracy is practiced in Nigeria, and we can either continue criticizing it or come up with bullet point proposals and examine them until fully thought-out, from execution to benefits; and then actually execute them.

The current Occupy Nigeria movement is an opportunity to inject change into the system for the our NEW NIGERIA's longterm good.

Nigeria political atmosphere can be categorised as this:

Those in favour of:

1. Home grown solutions, bottom up

vs

International, top down solutions

2. Central government

vs

Federal government, State government based approach

3. Religion influenced policy of government,

vs

Separation of religion and state matters

4. The recent anti-gay marriage bill, has fully injected itself into and thus divided us, as for who is for gay marriage

vs

and who is against, and therefore, reflects family values factor to the electorate.

5. Holding onto our indigenous cultures, even going back to our ethnic ways

vs

Refining our indigenous ways in light of new knowledge and making our ethnic ways work better for us.

6. Opening our markets (as is now)

vs

closing our markets to international trade, like China did for a while.

All 6 of these translate into bread and butter issues, industry and per capita income, when broken down to the implementation of the ideology.

There may be other issues that can be crystallized from our thought patterns, but this is a start, and i suggest we improve on this, and republish for agreement once a week, until we have an agreement of the NEW NIGERIA ISSUE BASED POLITICS AND IDEOLOGY!

Note: There may already be initiatives or existing documents like these, if these be the case lets improve or synergise until we get an even better working document/plan, to ensure thought-out change happens.

Many thanks!

(Original by Greg Ekhatior for deliberation & refinement,  
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Greg Ekhatior This is the updated version of the proposal document after a week.

The contributions are still coming in, so i have only added a sixth ideology to the pre-existing 5, that was published on my timeline last week monday  
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Greg Ekhatior These are the thoughts of Aviomoh Osikhena, so far:

Well, i feel i addressed the above issues in something i Wrote in April/May, 2011... happy reading....See More

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Greg Ekhator These are the thoughts of Aviomoh Osikhena, so far:

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Greg Ekhator These are the thoughts of Iweka Harrison so far:

@Greg thanks,@Osikhena very enlightening....See More

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Greg Ekhator Oluleke, yes! It has just been revived, please let us know your thoughts?

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Greg Ekhator I PROPOSED THIS A YEAR AGO, I AM SURPRISED I HAVE HAD LIKES BUT NO CONTRIBUTED IDEAS, SURELY THERE MUST BE SOMETHING YOU ARE AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH, TO FINE TUNE THIS FOR US??

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Roland Osahon Erhabor When you wear a borrowed robe to wear, especially when it is not sewn to your size, you are bound to experience inconvenience. Benin kindom, Ayeto & etc, were ruled effectively before the advents of white man, that they even have strong economic ties ...See More

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Greg Ekhator Surv Roland Osahon Erhabor, Good morning sir, exactly, that



is possible...

That is the point in number 5 above is trying to explore....See More

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Greg Ekhator Osahon OSahon, Issy B. O'kuoimose, Greg Eweka, Edo Politics, Saintmoses Eromosele ... please weigh in with your thoughts?

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Roland Osahon Erhabor Why dont we set aside any adverse/ constrain in this modifications. Let try what we already know.

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Greg Ekhator Surv, ok then, some instances of what we already know?

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Greg Ekhator Still the ideas are not forth coming!!!! Hmmmm! Na wah o

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Greg Ekhator Where are we now?

Where do we want to be?

How do we get there?

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Francisco Okwesa 3 ghana must go with dollars and i'll tell yeah

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Francisco Okwesa what we already know is how to chop dats all.

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Greg Ekhator Paquito, If we get this proposal right, it might be worth 3,000 "ghana must go bags" that is yours already, but the people are too myopic to

know the difference.

So they are counting on you wein don see how the process supposed to work

to change their ide...See More

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Greg Ekhator LETS APPLY OUR THOUGHTS, AND BRING FORTH THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE!!!

WE SAY WE WANT CHANGE!!!

CHANGE TO WHAT???

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Francisco Okwesa greg to stop shouting

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Greg Ekhator Hahahahahaa!!

But change to what??

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Francisco Okwesa you tell me,you posted this last year.see the paucity of response.9jans are not serious for change.you are wasting your time my friend

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Paul Nosa Ogiehor Greg, this is an old post but just seeing now. Great idea in its simplicity of approach and solution. Problem with Nigeria is beyond just conceptual approach. The thought-process in itself is in need of some form of intervention or the other. What you ...[See More](#)

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Francisco Okwesa paul apathy rules and a large dose of delusion for short term gains.

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Paul Nosa Ogiehor P. Okwesa, right! Everything is intrinsically linked to poverty. You got to find a way to help people put food on their table to put them in a state where they will be prepared to give you a listening ear.

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Francisco Okwesa generally if folk have a stake and a steak on the table,they do not destroy that which puts the food on the table.i am surprised that there is'nt more disquiet until i remember the apathy of the

populace.the elite know this and ride on it.

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Francisco Okwesa the few that bellyache about 9ja are the same folk that will sell it down the line.

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Francisco Okwesa south africa 45,000 mw,9ja now yet 4,500.is it looking good as they grope in the dark.<http://premiumtimesng.com/.../136535-scorecard-three...>

Scorecard: Three years after, Jonathan yet to fulfil promises in power, oil and gas sectors -...

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Francisco Okwesa greg carry on with your grammar i am list ten ing

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Greg Ekhaton Paquito, how are we sure you not inadvertently being apathetic, while trying to address apathy!!! ??

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Francisco Okwesa i am not addressing anything ,you are lol

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Francisco Okwesa with all the wealth and the country cannot generate as much as half the output in sa but have made millionaires whilst nothing to show for it.has the penny not dropped for you yet.

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Greg Ekhatator Yes, apathy, & shirking responsibility by all 9jrs!

=))°°°°°°°°HaHaHa°°°°°°°°=))

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Francisco Okwesa who cares lol

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Greg Ekhatator Exactly, my point!

So don't share ur apathy, its catchy!! =))°°°°°°°°HaHaHa°°°°°°°°=))

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Francisco Okwesa i don't.ref barber and vulture.

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Kevin Idehen Nice one Greg, as any journey starts with a step...

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Odenigbo Chidi Anyaeche Igbo's for Igbo's and Bini's for Bini's.

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Greg Ekhator Thats right Kevin, indeed! Every single journey does!

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Greg Ekhator Odenigbo, ok if you and Paquito, suggest that for the proposal, i can understand, as you are closet 9jrns ... hehehee!

Obviously unjustifiable for 9ja?

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Greg Ekhator still dismissive??

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Lawrence Adu For any major change to occur in Nigeria, the leaders must first lead by example thereby rebuilding the trust of Nigerians in Nigeria. If you love and trust your country you will make it work. For any country to move forward there must be a strong judi...See More

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Greg Ekhator But the leadership comes from us, & if we are not yet thinking along these lines in a enough numbers there is alm,ost no chance of the leadership ever thinking like this... bro?

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Lawrence Adu You see my point. If those you trust to lead are there for selfish gains and they fail to perform, why blame the electorate? We all can't lead at the same time. We Nigerians should hold our leaders

accountable instead we fight and argue along regional and ethnic lines .  
The insincerity of the leadership in Nigeria is a major problem. They ride on  
the powerlessness of the society.

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Greg Ekhatore Very true Lawrence Adu i see ur point.

But the leadership are the electorate at the micro level, if we cannot see  
the problem with a non tribal solution now, it is impossible for us to get a  
clearer view when we get there.

Its democracy, a government...See More

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Nicholas Mensan Gaba Since 1960, every time we pick a leader from this  
barrel of apples we call Nigeria, we pick a rotten one. Statistically when do  
you conclude that the entire barrel is full of rotten apples? Its been so bad,  
I don't even trust myself.

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Greg Ekhatore Nicholas, =)) =)) =)) laff<sup>oo°</sup> <sup>oo°</sup>~no go fit<sup>oo°</sup> <sup>oo°</sup>~tear<sup>oo°</sup> <sup>oo°</sup>~my<sup>oo°</sup>  
<sup>oo°</sup>~belle<sup>oo°</sup> <sup>oo°</sup>~=)) =)) =)). GBAAAM! The naked truth!!

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Lawrence Adu Well, election in Nigeria as in all democracies cost money. If  
you earned your money through hard work and the sweat your brows, you  
are not going to gamble it away, like it happened under IBB where  
election was cancelled and people lost everything. Le...See More

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Greg Ekhator .I will say you are very harsh on Ambrose Alli, & that your view is tribal. Not because i think you are a tribalist like Odenigbo but because you are raising the issue by accusing him of doing the same.

I think i am very well justified in saying this, ...See More

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Odenigbo Chidi Anyaeche Man is tribal by nature. How many Fulani friends does Greg have? Bini peeps are the most tribal in Nigeria and Igbo's the more liberal. LOL.

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Greg Ekhator Odenigbo, thankfully there are no awards for being tribal, because you are the most tribal person i have ever met!!!

What makes you dangerous is you are subtle with it,

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Lawrence Adu Greg, I don't think I am tribal in my views. You will like to turn your argument around by saying why did Ambrose Alli not put the University in Abraka which already had an institution on the ground and put a campus in Ekpoma to pacify his people that ...See More

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Greg Ekhator NOW my main point is the reason behind why the electorate vote for candidates is still very individualistic, poorly thought out & to use an american term "Hail mary" -ish!

And this underscores why the ONUS also falls on we the masses....See More

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Lawrence Adu Nigerians can do better and we will. Hope is not lost yet.

Call no nation unfortunate until you see its end. I believe in Nigeria.

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Greg Ekhatior I agree, hope is not lost!!!

We need a lot more of us, who have convictions & act it out regarding Nigeria!

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Lawrence Adu The general consciousness is pointing towards change.

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Greg Ekhatior Has been for a while though, but getting deeper, what with OBJ starting open season for open letters ... lol

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Lawrence Adu That is how it starts .

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Greg Ekhatore True, we need some more truth telling ooo

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Greg Ekhatore ARE WE READY TO HAVE A FRESH, ENERGISED LOOK AT THIS PROPOSAL AND WORK WITH IT??

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Greg Eweka How haven't I seen this before now? Refreshing document on how to get back on track only that we have more of the crab mentality possessors amongst us, how do you bring help to a people who don't understand the need for it?

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Greg Ekhatore Greg Eweka, So so so true!

Perhaps by persuasively showing them how crabby their mentality is, and giving them the antidote training to de-crab??

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Greg Eweka Though uphill, but a task worth all the needed efforts.

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Tony Osagie The people are the driving force of change . If we collectively sit back and always complain without any meaningful effort we get what

we deserve. Yes elections have issues but they are indeed getting better from the national INEC. Corruption is not a ...See More

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Greg Ekhator Reminder

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Tony Osagie My brother all these are good but not the Nigerian problem . Parliamentary system failed, military failed presidential system is moving on a zigzag table . Even with the present Nigerian constitution UK and U S will do well . The Nigerian people must ...See More

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Greg Ekhator My bro Tony, I agree, that our fundamental values and mindset are all screwed up, and that we are morally bankrupt. However we can't throw away the baby with the bath-water.

We need to chose a system of govt, and perfect it, a leader must emerge with a...See More

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Tony Osagie Everything you put up is in the PDP working document and is not strange to all political parties in Nigeria . The pastors have a greater part to play as regards values cause they have the majority of us . Like you said the baby can't be thrown away with ...See More

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Greg Ekhatior Exactly! As if the government has been coming from Mars for the last 54 years!

The Clergy are a gross failure!

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Tony Osagie My brother Nigerians must know their problems and get it right . 90% Nigerians don't know what the function of legislators are . If we get it right there, Nigeria would be better . I have seen mr president send credible documents to the two houses and they where thrown out because there was no settlement with it and secondly when passed to law affects them in the corruption development programme .

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Greg Ekhatior The president doesn't help matters himself when he is seen dining & or granting favour to the corrupt. TALKLESS of him NOT hindering corruption at all.

Bro, next time you have access to him, let him give us his revised answer of the difference between corruption & stealing?

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Tony Osagie Talking to corrupt people as you call them hold the entire aces of the political structure in Nigeria . Don't be deceived we are neck deep in corruption as a people and they the corrupt determine Nigeria today . Sad but very true

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Greg Ekhatior We need to start farming incorruptible people from

childhood to youth now

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Greg Ekhator We need to start farming incorruptible people from

childhood to youth now

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Greg Ekhator Tony Osagie, how about we start with this as a working document, ie in reforming our politics to be ideologically driven, instead of ethno-religio and stomach infrastructure driven...

April 25, 2015 at 8:29pm ·

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Greg Ekhator 4 years ago i proposed this document, how far nau?

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Osas Igiehon Lawrence Adu, you are tribal not Alli, Alli is better than Ogbemudia

and the Esama of Okada

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Greg Ekhator Tribe is definitely one of the matters slowing us down from moving forward with this

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Greg Ekhator Another one is vested interest

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This proposal document is still active for contribution and deliberation, by

you the reader when reading this book via your e-reader. The thoughts and considerations are laid out to be constructed on brick by brick, and value by value, as much as we can agree on incrementally.

So if we ask how will a restructured Nigeria under Buhari differ from the issues highlighted here under the then president Jonathan?

The answer should be nothing substantial will have been restructured because the value systems and ideals that work the structure remain unchanged. Therefore when talking restructuring, this is one of the indispensable pillars to be resolved, to re-engineer the Nigerian psyche, to reorient the Nigerian mindset.

# Chapter 8: Moral Custody in Nigeria

 Which way Nigeria

## Chapter 8: Moral Custody in Nigeria

December 10, 2012 at 11:37am



The moral custodians are responsible for the moral decay in the Nigerian Society. They failed to check it while they could. It is pertinently crucial that right thinking citizens who know of the Bible speak up with their knowledge of the scriptures; to dispel this pervasive “Vague dread of the supernatural” that allows this perversion of the holy Word.

This is why when considering RESTRUCTURING, there should be much consideration of the importance of the American constitution, which the Nigerian constitution is modelled after.



In the American constitution the SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE is enshrined and is often invoked. This should apply in Nigeria as well. In

Nigeria's constitution it is actually enshrined, but it perhaps has never been invoked.

In the south of Nigeria, the proliferation of Churches is perhaps the most in the world. However recall Nigeria's position in most corrupt countries index: The Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) - Rated 136 out of 176 countries and scored 28.0

It got so bad, in Anambra State recently there was drug related shooting in the Church. The moral problems that bedevil Nigeria are also bedeviling the church including tribalism and nepotism as reported recently in the **local dailies** despite the Pope encouraging acculturalisation while spreading the faith.

The aim of this chapter is to identify, isolate the Nigerian moral problem and chart a simple roadmap to the solution.

## **Summary**

The Nigerian moral values have been steadily eroding since the 1970's. All of the 6 isolated groups of moral custodians are complicit, but the most important one responsible for this decay in our moral values are the religious moral custodians, especially because they are the only moral custodians who can reach the collective conscience of the Nigerian people.

In our history the Nigerian government leaders have abjectly failed as moral custodians, and have instead become role models of corruption and squandermania, In Nigeria's history there have been two occasions when the masses protested nationwide, on each occasion the religious moral custodians have been so relatively silent, its almost deafening.

Nigeria is now blatantly morally corrupt with pastors seeing nothing wrong with accepting private jets as gifts, in a country where more than 70% of population live on less than a dollar a day.



Therefore drastic changes are needed in our psyche, and the solution in its 4 parts must be organised by a Nigerian people united for change. This must be led by the most effective, amalgamating, inclusive, transparent and strategic group of all those groups agitating for change.

### **Definition: What are Morals?**

Morals are the accepted good code of behaviour in a given society, both the written and unwritten ones, that are believed to give favourable results, both individually and collectively (Bernard G, 2012) The Stanford

Encyclopedia of Philosophy .

There are global morals, and then each region and local has their own morals, which usually are influenced by mix of culture with a people. The morals of a community. Region or country are greatly influenced by culture, which is in-turn influenced by religion. Both the culture and religion of a people rely upon celebrities to engrave the morals into a peoples psyche.

The Oxford advanced learners dictionary, defines Morality as: that which concerns principles of right and wrong behaviour.

The Oxford definition, suggests there are constituent principles that form our collective morals, or in this case Nigeria's collective morals. These principles as mentioned before come from the culture, global morals, religion and the character of the person used as role models to dispense these morals into societal sub-consciousness.

### **Who are the moral custodians?**

The Nigerian moral custody lies in all leaders in all segment of society in descending order:

Religious leaders - Priest, Pastors, Imams and Indigenous shrine priests

Cultural leaders (Kings/Oba's and their chief's)

Government leaders - President/head of state, Ministers, legislators, Judges,

Governors and Police Officers.

Civil Society leaders - Business captains of industry and their executives as well NGO leadership. The media fall under this class of custodians and are

key to a vibrant morally upright society.

Teachers - including lecturers

Parents

### **Importance of Religious moral custodians**

The religious leaders are the most important of all 6 types of custodians because they are the only custodians that can reach the Nigerian collective conscience. The conscience of a people is formed by their morals, as directly influenced by where they worship and the

understanding of the principles taught in the doctrine. Hence, only the religious leaders can indulge Nigerians to labour to keep alight the celestial fire called "conscience" as referred to by George Washington.

"Labour to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience." ~ George Washington.

It must be said that generally speaking globally there is moral decay, however in no other country is it more obvious and dangerous, than in Nigeria, especially as there are plenty of religious institutions somehow impacting the community but still getting mixed results due to perversion of opportunists as outlined in First Annual Round Table Conference on Cultural Orientation

National Institute for Cultural Orientation (NICO, 2004)

### **How have our moral values been eroded?**

Since the late 1970's our moral values have been steadily declining unchecked by all moral custodians; especially the Religious moral custodians.

In an article for CHANGE entitled "The failure of Nigerian Religious

Institutions" he details how despite our strong rooted religious values, our societal values do not mirror the religion we espouse, at least compared to a country like Japan. He goes into detail, of how we are all complicit:

"Both religions have similar core value attributes and sanctions against indiscipline, oppression, wickedness and corruption. What is wrong with the conscience implanted by our creator in steering our basic daily activities, either private or public?

Let's not take it far. You and I make up the two religions. How often do we obey traffic rules? Do we dump refuse in the gutters during rainfall? How often do we litter the streets with sachet? How often do we discharge our civilian duties without supervision? How often do we do the right thing at work? Diligence? How good does our integrity smell?"

His questioning of our obedience to traffic regulations is 100% accurate, as this is the junction where all 6 moral custodians display our character, and the content of our conscience.

I have travelled to many countries, and most people who have done the same, will agree that the driving habits of each country's busy city, relatively depicts the character of the people in that city. This article written in 2011 sheds some light on the Matters of the moment from Nigeria Nov. 2011 (Link in reference bottom)

### **Timeline of erosion of our moral fabric and the complicit quiet Religious leaders**

Let us Chronologically examine some milestone corrupt events that have occurred since late 70's and under the watch of Government leaders, and the corresponding response from Religious leaders if any?

## **Shagari administration**

The Shagari administration was notorious for corruption, especially with the value of the Naira being exactly equivalent to the US dollar.

The cronyism, and banal waste of natural resources was mind blowing,

contracts awarded indiscriminately. However the media were still following correct reporting standards. And documented most of the corruption without fear or favour.

In the Shagari era, one of the most reported corruption saga, that really lowered the moral bar, and seared our moral conscience was the

Umaru Dikko cargo corruption case : this case as reported:

Umaru Dikko affair and plunging Nigeria corruption - See link in references

Through out this period we did not hear a word from the religious

custodians at a significant pitch to affect the nations psyche.

Then there was a reprieve with the military coup of General Buhari, and arguably his more effective lieutenant late Brigadier Tunde Idiagbon - The very strict regiment that saw the introduction of War Against Indiscipline (WAI). This regime was so effective, arguably more infrastructure was built in Nigeria than ever before prior since independence. Although most of this infrastructure was built in the Northern part of the country. It must be said

that the WAI effectively implemented by the Regime was also not well liked by the corrupt elite of the people, and they was an audible sigh of relief if not jubilation when General Babaginda overthrew them in a coup along with his deputy Sanni Abacha.

## **IBB appease military**

General Babangida (IBB) also known as the evil genius, has been infamously called one of the most intelligent leaders of Nigeria, due to his shrewd way of manipulating and corrupting a people arguably willing to be corrupted.

Through out this period we did not hear a word from the religious custodians at a significant pitch to affect the nations psyche.

*SAP IBB must go*

IBB's corruption reached fever pitch and caused a revolt amongst the masses, when in 1989 it was alleged that Ebony magazine published IBB as the richest general in the world, This triggered spontaneous protests across the country's teeming student population, started by University of Benin, in a nationwide protest entitled "IBB must go" This lasted for 3 days, but IBB once again outwitted the collective will of the students and workers who weren't sure whether to strike or not. At the time Babaginda was notorious for giving luxury cars and other gifts to the military and other loyalists that he wanted to use for leverage. An infamous quote allegedly attributed to him

is ~ Everyman has a price.

During the IBB era, a big blow was also done to moral custody when the Journalist Dele Giwa was letter bombed. There was much uproar from the populace, but much ado.

Another crazy episode during the IBB era was the election of Abiola for president and the sudden annulling of the election by IBB.

Through out this period we did not hear a word from the religious custodians at a significant pitch to affect the nations psyche.

Then there was a quiet coup, which almost looked like an agreement for Sanni Abacha to become head of state,

Sanni Abacha was exactly IBB, but without the *sauve* or *panache* of

leadership, he was a brute, and Nigerians suffered a great deal under him. So much so, the international community classified Nigeria as a pariah state.

### **Irony of Archbishop Benson Idahosa**

Now this time, one of the fore-fathers of Pentecostal Christianity in Nigeria -



The Late archbishop Benson Idahosa, has grown in popularity, influence and sagacity to be one of the first moral custodian to rebuke a sitting ruler as he rebuked a fearsome General Sanni Abacha in his government house.

Now this is supposed to be a good development and exactly the gumption we expect the religious custodians to have. However considering that he was the mentor of most of the mega-church pastors today, who are not whispering talk-less of berating government leaders; it makes us wonder why they didn't learn that part of what he thought them well.

The irony of Archbishop Idahosa was he was the pioneer of prosperity Christianity, as we watched him grow in congregation size with the following under his wing....

Private jet owning Pastor Ayo Oritsejafor, Pastor Chris Oyakhilome and yes the richest of them all Pastor David Oyedepo!

After Abacha died as rumoured while with an Indian prostitute, then the interim military government of Abdulsalami presided over an election that saw former head of state Obasanjo, come back to power for 8 years as a democratic president.

He himself being a self-acclaimed born-again christian, just gave the moral custodians a good reason to hands off trying to correct him, even though corruption continued unabated under his watch. Then there was the election of late Yar adua for the short time he lived as president until his untimely death due to illness. ,

Then Goodluck Jonathan succeeded him as acting president, until elected president. Under GEJ the subsidy protest on January 6th this year 2012 has been the most significant, and of note is that despite the intensity of this

public protest on increase of fuel prices that will undoubtedly cause hardship, I have only counted 3 church leaders who have spoken publicly against the subsidy removal, ie Rev. Peter Akinola.

The silence from the church and mosque leaders is almost deafening.

A few months ago the Taraba state gov. unfortunately crashed his private jet, with 5 people on board. The news reports state just 5 years ago he was

a pharmacist, and owned just one car, but now he also has two helicopters and a private landing strip near his village.

Once again, we do not hear a word from the religious custodians at a significant pitch to affect the nations psyche. Instead we hear that Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) President was gifted with a private jet for 40 years of service by his congregation.

A congregation that is part of the nations population where collectively 70% survive on less than a dollar a day.

**Solution** An awakening of d people to rebuke our moral custodians for dereliction of duty, because we know d instructive scriptures they read from too. A. This will involve peaceful revolt & rejecting by members! B. A robust national conversation by signatory religious organisations to provide

moral compass to combat deadly 7 sins C. A commitment by media organisations to name & shame moral bankrupt 9jrnrs & glorify moral role models based on morally sound conduct. D. A national peaceful protest by Civil Society calling clarity when it comes to separation of church & state.

**Conclusion** The Nigerian moral code has been gradually eroded for d last 30 plus years. It is now blatantly morally corrupt with pastors seeing nothing wrong with accepting private jets as gifts, in a country where more than 70% of population live on less than a dollar a day.

Therefore Drastic changes are needed in our psyche, and the solution in its 4 parts must be organised by a united Nigeria people united for change. Led by the most effective, inclusive, transparent and strategic group of all those groups agitating for change.

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Temidayo Ahanmisi I'd have agreed with you but you subjugated culture to religion. That's where the chaos stems from. Most won't agree on this point...and that's why we'll always go round in a circle. It's not religion that builds strong societies. It is culture. Religion is political culture & philosophy.

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 lyabo Adewoyin Iyamighty

lyabo Adewoyin Iyamighty Wow. Congrats and thanks for the write up. You bring up some very good points. Morality is defined differently from one house to the next and on and on until it reaches a national status and then a culture and a group of people are defined--thus the...[See More](#)

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 Edo Mattheew

Edo Mattheew As I said before "d rain was not falling when noah built d ark. U can become d solution to d nigerian predicament. I don't buy propanga and propate. I buy action and solution. I respect u my broda!!!

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 Greg Ekhatore

Greg Ekhatore Temidayo Ahanmisi, i am surprised you say that, because i went to some detail in defining the dichotomy between religion and culture in our morals.

Oh i get it, because i said its the most important. lol...[See More](#)

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 Greg Ekhatore

Greg Ekhatore [Iyabo Iyamighty](#), hahahaaa! Thanks a lot!!

You may be right vis-a-vis modern generation!!!

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 Greg Ekhatore

Greg Ekhatore Much respect back to you too sir [Edo Mattheew](#)

You r right, it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark!!

Many thanks for your kind words, but i think WE are the ones who will become the solution to 9ja's predicament!!!

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 Temidayo Ahanmisi

Temidayo Ahanmisi We really need to ask ourselves if our biases would let us do the right thing by putting religion in a private place as it should be.

People with strong cultures do not fight over religion. But people with strong religions could & do fight. Why are reli...[See More](#)

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Greg Ekhatior Temidayo Ahanmisi, my dear, you are absolutely right with this ur last comment, but regarding the one previous, you haven't answered my question, because your answer to that, could put things crystal clear in perspective??

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Temidayo Ahanmisi So for me better to leave religion out of the whole thing. I have always believd & I'm yet to be convinced othwise that cultures birth religions. The Islamic religion bears strong imprints of the ARab culture. The Christian religion bears strong impri...[See More](#)

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 Greg Ekhatior

Greg Ekhatior Once again i agree with ur philosophical musings, and can go off on quite a few tangents based on points raised.

However in the interest of doing things diligently and in order, you haven't answered the question of what causes the divide in 9ja of the ...[See More](#)

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 Temidayo Ahanmisi

Temidayo Ahanmisi Okay not to go off on tangent any tangent. Let's take quick tests since we are talking about taking of moral custody. What does the Christian religion for instance posit about restitution? Poll about 25 christians from diff. Christian sects & you'll ge...[See More](#)

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Temidayo Ahanmisi People have always romanticised that America was built on religious values. A reading of American history from the pioneer settlers will show that it was on cultural basis. The culture of America is state before self interest. That's why American church...[See More](#)

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Temidayo Ahanmisi Christianity is about self interest above community interest. The pastors have the backing of the scripture to feather their nests. I know saying this will make me look like I don't believe in God, but here is where religion has a huge fault again. God h...[See More](#)

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Temidayo Ahanmisi In societies where the culture has largely given way to adopted religion, conflicts are usually more intense & common. Contrast 2 societies in Nigeria with strong religious influence...take Islamic societies in SW Nigeria & in the "core north" for ex...[See More](#)

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 Greg Ekhatior

Greg Ekhatior Temidayo Ahanmisi, religion has its place, just like culture has its place, but whether they stay in their place or not, is not something you or I can control or manipulate. Hence i asked you which is more important to 9ja, Religion or Culture (Note i ...[See More](#)

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 Greg Ekhatior

Greg Ekhatior LOL, oga Doc Fidelis Edosomwan, we need great minds like urs to solve our moral dilemma o, because we are leaving behind 9ja for our children to solve, whether we like it or not. This will be on the menu to discuss this weekend at the london hilton too....

Extending invitation to dear Temidayo if she can fit this into her busy schedule... biko??

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Fidelis Edosomwan I think say na Lasgidi Temi dey.

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Greg Ekhatior Fidelis Edosomwan, no o! Not really. She dey PH, but she is international, and can make herself available if she deems the occasion deserves her attention. She is woman of timber and caliber!! I spoke with her recently during my 9ja trip, and was well impressed.

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 Okafor David Enemchukwu

Okafor David Enemchukwu Moral decadence is not peculiar to Naija it's a universal phenomena especially in the 20th and 21st century. been a good moral custodian begins in oneself and then to one's immediate family etc. If we must be a good national moral custodians then we ha...[See More](#)

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 Christie Nonyelum Akumabor

Christie Nonyelum Akumabor Temidayo THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SOOOOOOOO EARLY ELUCIDATING THESE POINTS AS TO WHERE RELIGION AND CULTURE DIVERGE SO SHARPLY IN THE NIGERIAN CONTEXT THAT WE ARE LEFT IN AN \*\*\*UNWORKABLE\*\*\* CONUNDRUM.

Because even what we consider to be core Christian vs...[See More](#)

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 Nixon Winter

Nixon Winter Greg , I am not so sure that I would separate or elevate religion over culture or vice versa. There is a running joke that " the Nigerian " of today may succeed where the devil failed. The custodians of culture (Obas, Elders, ) and religion (Pastors a...[See More](#)

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 Postmodernist Victor Nwobike

Postmodernist Victor Nwobike You have just bisected in a postmodern clinical deconstruct of the ever-dynamic but pejorative voyage of our ship of morality as a nation....And in your deconstruct, you have reiterated for an umpteenth time the phylo-legal apothegm that says that sile...[See More](#)

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Okafor David Enemchukwu Victor Nwobike u bi Patrick Obahiagbon part 2  
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[Greg Ekhat](#) [Victor Nwobike](#), i saw ur comments last night, but i have not had time to read and respond since yesterday, i will respond in earnest later today.

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 [Greg Ekhat](#)

[Greg Ekhat](#) [Victor Nwobike](#), thank you for your comment, yes you are absolutely right.... The internet gives access such that the focused can bridge all 6 classes of moral custodians at once.

Yes brotherly!...[See More](#)

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Postmodernist Victor Nwobike Thanks sir Greg for understanding my viewpoint!

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 Greg Ekhat

Greg Ekhat Christie Nonye Akumabor, thanks for your comment. I agree with you that Greco-roman influenced Christianity is super-imposed over Messianic Jewish cultures. And Christians who study the bible devoid of the holy spirit (which is LOVE) will swallow such ...[See More](#)

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 Greg Ekhat

Greg Ekhat Nixon Winter, Thank you for your comment.

I agree with you that change should start from the grassroots, hence parents are a key vital part of the 6 classes of moral custodians. Actually all the other moral custodians, could be parents too.

And if all ...[See More](#)

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 Postmodernist Victor Nwobike

Postmodernist Victor Nwobike Sir Greg, another point worthy of analectical deconstruct is the establishment of what and who symbolically constitutes morality and the worthiness of such grand standards as an agent of social control for the suprasystem!

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Greg Ekhatör Victor Nwobike, ok yes indeed! Whats your answer to your question?

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 Greg Ekhatör

Greg Ekhatör Victor, I understand dt.

Ok my definition is what I have already stated in d definition section of article. Perhaps you have slightly varied perspective thru d prism of postmodernism?

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 Greg Ekhatör

Greg Ekhatör Ok, we know about what's morally wrong with 9ja, but there r some things that r morally right in 9ja?

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 Postmodernist Victor Nwobike

Postmodernist Victor Nwobike You should only opionate what you think is morally wrong or right based on your personal convinction as against any lopsiding grand narration...!

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Greg Ekhatior This is my opinion, that you view it as a grand narration is a compliment, so thanks .... lol

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 Postmodernist Victor Nwobike

Postmodernist Victor Nwobike grand narration is abberational within the norms of the postmodern world...its no compliment bro...lols!

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 Greg Ekhatior

Greg Ekhatior Your opinion, right? Especially as i don't see it as such. In either case, 9ja's moral values have decayed in the last 30 years, do u dispute that?

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Postmodernist Victor Nwobike Naija should not have any grand moral value...its the moral values of individuals that are changing as culture changes with more enlightenment and interactional experiences!



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Greg Ekhatore

Greg Ekhatore And those individual moral values are INEVITABLY influenced by ideals, philosophy's or prevailing psyche's of influential role models/celebrities - past and present, yes?

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Postmodernist Victor Nwobike yes...but such influences are only appealing to the individual and not superimposed by any grand structure!

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Greg Ekhatore

Greg Ekhatore Through d media r societal consciouness most impacted, consider subtle but all powerful advertising campaigns of multinationals. For sure if coca cola & guinness r not using a grand structure, then the phrase has lost meaning??

They use celebrities. Beckham is a footballer but frames consciousness beoyond football.

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Greg Ekhatior

Greg Ekhatior Of course appealing, hence i used d word "Influence"

I wonder why u mention impose, because morals values work best through understanding of longterm gains

The point for the coke analogy, was to drive home, how celebrities are used to drive in ur words a "grand structure" .

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 Yemzzy Ad Sr.

Yemzzy Ad Sr. [Greg Ekhator](#) most Nigerians have circumstantially lost their conscience to events occurring around them on a daily basis. Thus morals in Nigeria is and or would almost certainly be at an all time low, save there is a dramatic improvement in political a...[See More](#)

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 Greg Ekhator

[Greg Ekhator](#) Yemzzy Ad Sr., hmmmm!

For real, where is d love!!! ?

A conundrum,!!!

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 Greg Ekhator

[Greg Ekhator](#) I have just read this note again, and unfortunately i have come to the conclusion, dt 9jrns on average are using Christianity, and

Jesus Christ, thats why we have so many churches in the south and not the corresponding fruits of Christ like morals or b...[See More](#)



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John Abiodun Olaitan

John Abiodun Olaitan The Fear of God is our Sure way out. It is the beginning of Wisdom. Nigerians MUST begin to truly operate consciously on that premise. That's the Right Way.

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Greg Ekhatore

Greg Ekhatore John Abiodun Olaitan, you are so right!!!  
With the fear of God, everything will operate the right way!!

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Greg Ekhatore

Greg Ekhatore John, The problem is some of our peeps are befuddled in this matter, because they associate the fear of God, with religion, and religion with that brought by the white man, and what brought by the white man, with mental slavery.

In the meantime, all o...[See More](#)

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John Abiodun Olaitan Greg: I Agree.





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Greg Ekhaton nudge the closest one to u, ignite a flamew, it might turn out to be the fire dt ushers change!

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Fatemaan Dorothy Tuleh @Greg....my big bros, I used to blame the government until I realised that am the government. I blame our so-called leaders, yes but I blame us more because we sit down and watch. While leaders are misbehaving, we are busy fighting and insulting each o...[See More](#)

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Greg Ekhatior Fatemaan Dorothy Tuleh, you are so right, the onus is on the masses, who are too busy trying to be like the corrupt elite...

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Fatemaan Dorothy Tuleh True. What about the rice issue? Would you



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Greg Ekhatior Fatemaan Dorothy Tuleh, GBAAAM!

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Greg Ekhatior Reminder

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Greg Ekhatior Sometimes I wish I had a magic wand to wave!!! And at once reset 9jrn's morals to the 70's.

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Fidelis Edosomwan

Fidelis Edosomwan You are very correct Greg. I wish I had one too.

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 Claude Johanson

Claude Johanson Greg, The PSYCHE of the average Nigerian (common folk) applauds the RASCALS IN POWER and call them fools when they (a few) don't LOOT!!! I PERSONNALLY HEARD ONE SUCH, 15+ YEARS AGO, IN A SOCIAL GATHERING DERIDE A MINISTER OR AN POLITICAL APPOINTEE FOR "...See More

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