Background

Conducting elections is based on democracy - majority rule. Electoral malpractices defeat the purpose of conducting elections. In order to make an election free and fair, we have to identify all forms of electoral malpractices conducted in various stages of the electoral process in order to tackle or minimize it.

Research Goal

To identify electoral malpractices conducted in all stages of electoral stages and help minimize electoral malpractices in departmental elections

Recruitment Plan

32 students from faculty of management sciences will be selected with 4 from each department where we have the following student roles:

1. 2 student voter
2. A electoral representative (which is also a student)
3. A current or previous electoral candidate (student)

Interview Type

Primary research through audio visual interview

Criteria For Recruitment

1. You must be a student of the University Of Port Harcourt

2. You must be in 200 level or above

3. You must be in any department in faculty of Management sciences

Demographics

Nigeria, Rivers State, University of Port Harcourt to be precise.

Number Of Participants

There will be 32 participants, 4 selected from each department

Screening questions

1. Are you a student of the University of Port Harcourt?

2. Do you belong to any of the department listed below which are under the faculty of management sciences

3. What level are you currently in?

Script

Introduction

Good day fellow student, my name is Atani oyinbunua, a 300 level student studying Banking and Finance at the University of Port harcourt. I am conducting research on reducing the rate of electoral malpractices in departmental elections. I have some questions to ask and your answers will help me further this research.Your input is highly valuable, and i am look forward to getting your feedback thank you.

Questions

**Student (Voter)**

1. How do you see the overall electoral process?

2. Have you experienced any form of bribery? if yes, how did it happen

3. From past elections conducted, do you feel it is free and fair? If not,what is your reason?

4. What are things you think are missing in place which will guarantee a smooth electoral process?

**Student (electoral representatives)**

1. What is your experience with candidates ?

2. Have you ever been offered a bribe from a candidate or superior? If yes, what was the bribe about and how did you fulfill it?

3. What are things you think are missing in place which will guarantee a smooth electoral process

4. Are there any external forces manipulating the electoral process?

5. How do you think the electoral process will be improved to ensure a free, fair and credible election

**Student (electoral candidate)**

1. Have you been cheated before in an election? How did it happen and what made you think you were cheated?

2. What are the flaws of the electoral process you noticed?

3. What are things you think are missing in place which will guarantee a smooth electoral process?

End: Thank you for participating in this research and sharing your input. Your answers are valuable and will help further in carrying out this research.