

Social media callenges and Opportunities for Human Rights: A Case of Blasphemy In Nigeria

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INTRODUCTION

At various levels around the world, social media has transformed communication and politics. Many social media platforms have exemplified the freedom of expression and expressing of thoughts without the use of traditional mass media middlemen. Simultaneously, it has caused significant obstacles for users and generated numerous debates about free speech and internet governance (SANAM NOR 2016). Blasphemy cursed a Christian student's life after a friend asked her on group WhatsApp how she passed her exam, and she said God helped her. Citizens, the government, and the rest of the globe have all reacted to the situation. Human rights initiatives have focused on ways to abolish the Blasphemy Law so that religious freedom might flourish.

Research aim: Investigate the role of social media using Twitter to obtain people’s frustration with religious Blasphemy.

METHODOLOGY

Data gathering: Data is obtained using #DeborahSamuel in 48hrs to capture 436 tweets with 346links 266rts, thread 4% as archive states in 12/05/2022. As shown in fig 4 it indicates the person with the highest number of tweets and fig 5 tweet volume.

Source: pictures are obtained online for the background. The Hawkeye tag is used to capture the tweet using Microsoft excel based on the government choosing not to react to the religious blasphemy which has coursed uproar in the country

Research Aim: Can the Blasphemy law be overturned and the punishments should be imposed by the right authority?

Blasphemy in the north: The tag v 6.1.9 has been used to identify personal opinions and the frustration of people on how individuals took the law to the hand by lynching and burning a Christian student.

Human Right: is reflected on the chart, this should have reflected the right of people when it comes to freedom of speech and not necessarily every blasphemy deserve death.

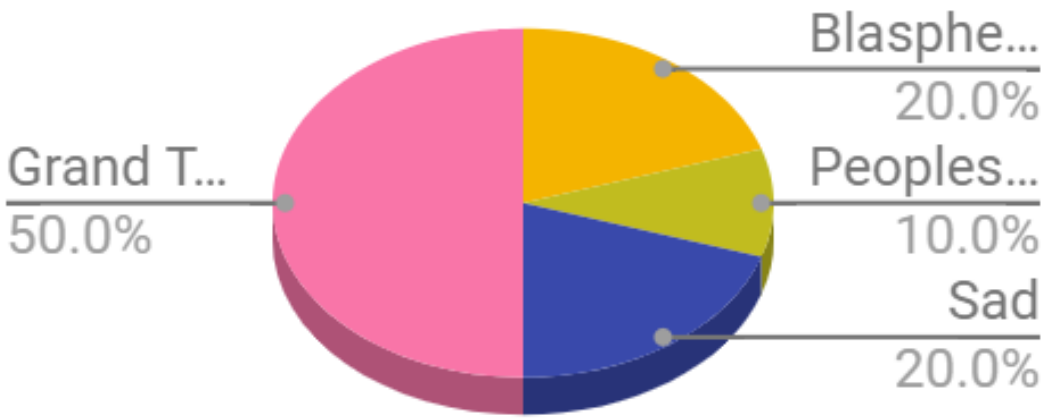
Blasphemy in the south: it hardly results in death due to civilization in the south.

Sad: shows peoples feeling

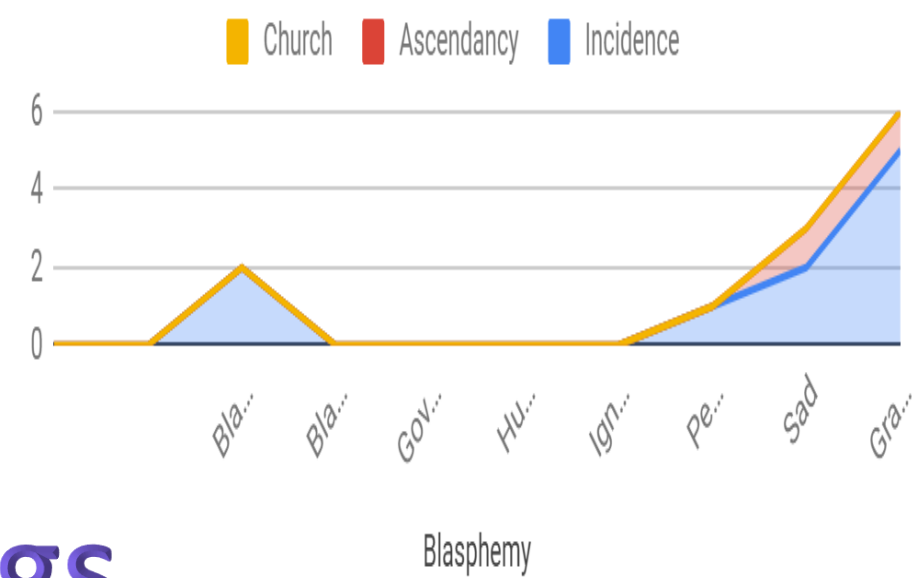
Government: government responsibility



Incidence, Ascendancy,...



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Findings.

Fig1. Sentiment Analysis

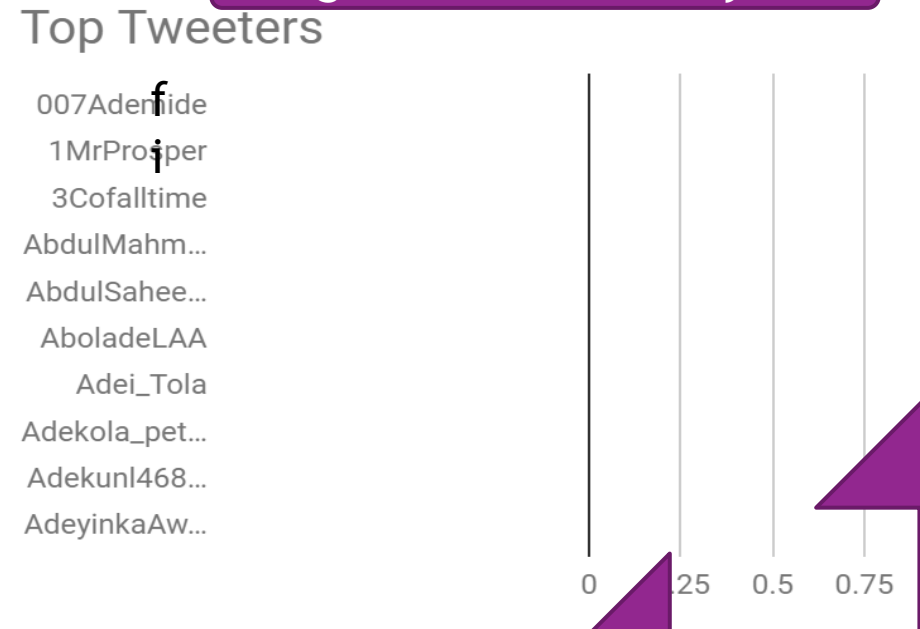


Fig 2:Global sentiment

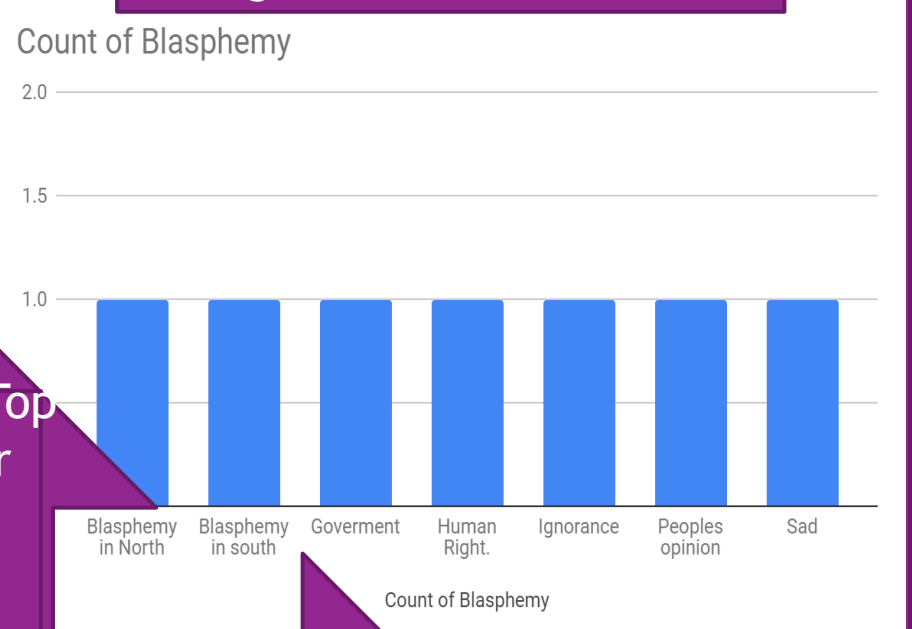


Fig4,tTop Twitter

Fig5. Twitter volume

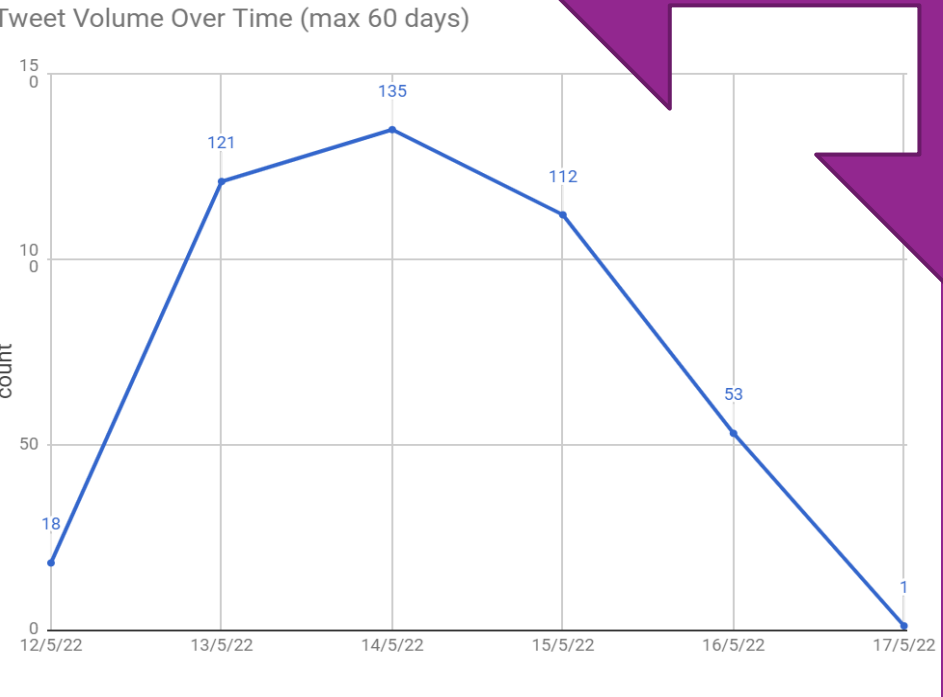


Fig5. Blasphemy count

Fig 6 Twitter activity



CONCLUSION

The situation of killing people because of religion should attract another penalty if the needs to be rather than killing, The word has revolved around and there should be privileged for someone to deserve a second chance, killings is not really a genuine answer for the punishment of blasphemy as the religious also do not Like bloodshed.

RECOMMENDATION.

Twitter can be used to gather information about offenders and location its coming from.

REFERENCE.

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Pictures:
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