

The End SARS Movement:

A Story of Social Media-Fueled Civil Unrest and Media Censorship in Nigeria

The End SARS protest was a series of protests and civil unrest that took place in Nigeria in October 2020, with the aim of ending police brutality and government corruption in the country. The protests were sparked by widespread outrage over the alleged abuse and extrajudicial killings committed by the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), a unit of the Nigerian police force. The protests quickly gained traction on social media and spread to cities across Nigeria, with thousands of people participating in demonstrations and calls for reform.

The media played a significant role in the End SARS protest, with social media platforms such as Twitter and Instagram serving as key organizing tools for the movement. The protest was heavily covered by both traditional and online media outlets, and the coverage helped to bring attention to the issues at the heart of the protest and to amplify the voices of the protesters. However, there were also instances of media censorship and suppression during the protest, with some outlets facing pressure to censor their coverage or to refrain from covering the protest altogether.

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