

**EFFECTS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE ON EDUCATION
AND LIBRARY SERVICES IN NIGERIA**

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Abstract

This study investigates the effect of political violence on Education and library services in Nigeria, it was observed that violence, instability social - disorder. injustice and under development has greatly affected the education and library service. The library serves as a centre for the stimulation of interest, excitement and a process of instilling confidence in the users, which will be achieve from generation to generation when there is no violence. Way out to political violence need to be put in place like ban of political thuggery, reduce the influence of money on political situations and God fatherism in politics. Inclusion, Eradication of violence tribalism need to be put in place in order to control the adverse effect on the education and library services in Nigeria.

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Introduction

When Nigeria was created as a nation, there is every need for political order to forestall different ethnic, war, chaos and other forms of action that can have negative effect on a nation. Politics according to the traditional philosophers is to create an enabling environment for social cooperation, social order, justice, progress and development. Thus, politics, which has been described as the science of the art of administration, is very vital to any nation. If we grant the above as the true purpose of politics, then, the question that agitates the mind is, has politics been able to perform these functions in Nigeria.

We can observed, that violence instability, social - disorder, injustice and under-development has greatly affected our educational and library services in Nigeria. Let us look at what is happening within the country. Examples of pre-eletion violence in Kaduna, Boko Haram in Borno State and the Killing of 10 (ten) N.Y.S.C corper in Bauchi States. The importance of politics which was defined as the art of the science of administration is the consequence of living together that is meant to create some measure of order and Justice and also to provide a framework within which we can live in freedom according to our individual desires. When we looked at politics in Nigeria it has failed to achieve its purpose and we have to examine the reasons for its failure and the effects of political practices in Nigeria, on Education and library services.

The Concept of Political Violence, Education and Library Services

Political violence has the potential of denting the image of the country in the international community, and retard growth and development. Violence regardless of its nature tends to slow down development because development can only take place under a peaceful atmosphere.

Olakunle (2002) aptly noted that Nigeria's political history was characterized by political Thuggery, dichotomy, tribalism electoral fraud and unbridled corruption culminating in the people's disenchantment for the past military intervention and devise of the previous republics while Obasanjo (2004) former president of the country asserted that "violence has reached unprecedented levels and hundreds have been killed with much more wounded or displace from their homes on account of their

ethnic or religion and political identification. He further stated that schooling for children has been disrupted and interrupted, business have lost billions of naira and property worth much more destroyed. Also According to Anifowose (1982). In Adejuwon (2009) asserted that political violence can be conceptualized thus: "It is the use of threat of physical act carried out by an individual or group of individual within a political system against another individuals, and/or property with the intent to cause injury or death to persons and/or damages or destruction to property, and whose objective, choice of target or vision, surrounding circumstance, implementation and effects have political significance, that is, tend to modify the behavior of other in the existing arrangement of a power structure that has some consequences for the political system".

Education: Is defined as a process or the result of a process by which an individual acquire knowledge, skills, attitudes and insights. Education includes the development of cognitive (intellectual affective) and values and psychomotor (sensing motor skills and abilities). It may also be defined as growth, the cumulative effects of changes in behavior resulting from experience, whether planned or unplanned. Education is also the art of teaching and training of young one's Education is the aggregate of all the processes by which a young adults develops the abilities, attitudes, and other forms of behaviours of positive value to the society in which he/she lives.

The aims of education as entrenched in the national policy in Education (2004) include the

- To promote free enterprises
- To development well balanced individual
- To development the skilled workers
- To development the ability to use basic skills.
- To development communication skill and
- To development respect for others.

While the overall aim is nothing less than all round efficiency and also the development of the child physically intellectually, socially, culturally and spiritually, even respect for dignity of labour. According to Aina (2004). The library is "the place where teachers and students come into contact with the world that is where they acquire the general knowledge which forms the basis for all further learning. A library may also be defined. As a vital instrument for self-education, the place of library and the role it plays in the context of education for national development has been recognized by the new educational policy.

The importance of library to the society according to (Saleh 2001) in (Peter and Ibrahim 2009). The library provides certain services to their communities and libraries has six functions to provide to the society. These are:

- Serving agency of education
- Serving agency of information
- Serve agency of research
- They also preserve information
- Libraries serving are also embodiment of our cultural heritage.
- They are also agencies of recreation.

When we look at the services rendered by library they are so many and important to our day to day lives. If there is a political violence within our society all these services will not be rendered to the society at large. These will bring the society to a stand still, society without progress or future because every body will be in door for the fear of there lives and property.

The effect of political violence on our educational setup will not allow anybody to use the library. Library serves as a communication Network Centre which transfers knowledge from a host to a user and expose human being to the world of information by creating appropriate international relationship that links everybody and library.

Library Services to Educational Development in Nigeria

In every educational establishment in Nigeria library occupies a centre stage. If the educational goals of all institutions are to be achieved libraries play important role for educational development of both pupils students, and the society at large. Ajibero (1985) observed that: at the primary level, the library serves as a center for the stimulation of interest, excitement and a process of instilling confidence in the users. Libraries being what they are as media resource, information and cultural centers, constitute social institutions which exist for the collection, preservation and transmission of human intellectual experience and culture and promote education for the desired national growth and development. There, they achieve from generation to generation. When there is violence this aims will not be achieved.

Community libraries focus on the physical and mental development of the people, because it provides adequate information materials for mental and physical development of the community thus, people are equipped and empowered and intellectual is encouraged as well as wide participation in politics for the sustenance of democratic government.

Public library is not restricted to any group of users, it is more or less a universal library, it is expected to serve all kinds of people including young children and people with disabilities or even people who for one reasons or the other care on capacitated. Such people include patients in the hospitals, prisoners etc.

Way out to political Violence

To prevent political violence in our society, some policy needs to be put in place.

Government should continue to make statement condemning political violence and promote campaigns that will prevent the outburst of violence conflict in the polity.

- The government should banned the use of party supporters.
- Government should formulate and implement programmes aimed reducing poverty and unemployment in the country.
- Government should try to reduce the influence of money and God fatherism in Nigeria politics.
- Government should try to publicize the activities of public library as a poor man university. So that the populace can achieve a lot from the library.

Lastly, there is the need for adequate funding of educational programmes and library service in Nigeria, by the government and private sector.

Conclusion

From this theoretical write up political violence can hampered the progress and development of Education and library services to the society. Violence, tribalism, electoral fraud, thuggery have adverse effect individual, going to school, talkless of visiting the library because of he danger ahead.

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