

Review of: "The Role of Nation and State Institutions in Nigeria's Economy: An Empirical Review"

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The authors are to be congratulated for engaging with an important set of issues around the role of the nation and of state institutions, with Nigeria as a specific focus. Through their analysis of existing research, the authors demonstrate the importance of institutions in the context of Nigeria. This then has important policy implications, which the authors also discuss. In this regard, the discussion of conflict resolution and capacity building is of importance.

In developing this work further, the authors may consider some of the following points:

1. Given the focus on the nation and state institutions, the paper would be strengthened by engaging with theoretical debates around these concepts. Disciplines including sociology and political science have developed extensive theoretical literature around the state and nation. Similarly, in these disciplines, and disciplines including management, there is an extensive literature on institutions that could be mobilised in this paper. Engaging with such literature would allow the paper to develop its explanatory capacity, thereby going beyond description.
2. Given that the paper is based on a review of existing research papers, the authors could consider using a systematic literature review approach. There are many of these approaches that could be considered, PRISMA being a frequently used approach. Adopting such an approach would contribute to the overall persuasiveness of the paper.
3. In some parts of the paper, some of the data appears dated. For example, the list of institutions in 2.3 is based on a 2010 article. The authors could explore whether there have been any changes in the institutions in the time since 2010.
4. Some attention to grammar and structure would assist with the paper. For example, it appears that there are multiple authors for the paper, but the text often refers to author in the singular. And, at the beginning of some of the sections, there is unnecessary introductory material. In some cases, the authors can go straight to the points they are seeking to make. For example, the first paragraph in section 1 is not required.