

Review of: "Government interference in election administration and lethal electoral irregularities in Africa: Evidence from Nigeria"

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Page 2. Paragraph 3. This claim "Similarly, elections in Nigeria, particularly the poorly managed 2011" - This claim definitely need a supporting citation, else it will remain the author personal view.

Page 3. this statement "administration. Government usually interferes in election administration to increase its chances of winning to remain in power and, most times, this leads to electoral irregularities that become violent, bloody, and lethal." - You have to clearly state which government you mean here. Do you mean Nigerian government?. Also, You will need a citation to backup or support this assertion.

Page 5. first sentence under the subtitle 'Government Interference in election management in Nigeria'. this statement "The Nigerian government has a proclivity to interfere in every stratum of the Nigerian society and electoral institutions are not exceptions to this interference" - You definitely need to back this claim with an instance and citation.

Second Paragraph. the statement "Since 1999, elections organized by INEC are not free from government interference." - This claim need to be supported with at least one backing instance and citation

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under the subtitle 'Conceptual understanding of electoral irregularities and voter participation'.

the statement "As a complex concept that represents a subtle deviation from established electoral procedures, electoral irregularities manifest in various forms as government interference meant" - is it only government that interferes? - what of the interference from politicians that are not in government?

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Under 'Methodology'

You need to state the research method you used in this study, before stating your method of data collection. Also, Your sampling technique need to be clearly stated. You need to clearly state the particular random sampling you used. It is simple random sampling, or systematic sampling, or Stratified sampling or cluster sampling. You stated that 21 interviews were successful but from the table is show that 24 interviews were successful.

Page 8 still under 'Methodology'

last sentence. "The study is expressed in categorical variables in which chi-square is used for association analysis to ascertain the suppressing effects of lethal election violence on voter participation" - You have to remove this since you did not use chi-square analysis anywhere in the work.

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Of the 21 valid interviews we recorded in this study, - Is this 21 or 24? Kindly reconcile with the information on table 1.