

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

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The authors usefully incorporated some of the suggestions, thereby, realizing significant changes at various points of the manuscript. However, the text still lacks logical consistency and flow that enable readers to move smoothly from one sentence, paragraph, in this case, subsection and section to another. Also, citations under introduction and/or conclusion diminish the writers' and writing's originality that expectedly characterize the two sections and their contents.

The Introduction with cited works, followed by 'Conceptual understanding of electoral irregularities (...)' blended with 'Government interference (...)', per se, appearing more like contextual antecedents or notes that logically suppose to feature immediately after the introduction as part of problematizing, do not portray a coherent flow of the text's presentation, thoughts and precedents. Similarly, the sequel severing of 'Theoretical understanding of illiberal democracy' from 'Conceptual understanding of electoral irregularities (...)' created an unnecessary gap between ideas. That is, concepts are not only part of but also intrinsically linked to theory for identifying and analyzing facts. Also, the follow-up of the 'Methodology' by the 'Study area', manifestly exposing contextual note or historical antecedents, earlier sampled, plus the varied, dispersed and extensive analyses of results before the conclusion, all together, implied confusion that lessened the text's intelligibility.

Outside the misplaced citations, the text essentially contains all the necessary elements for restructuring or making a well reasoned rearrangement. Soothingly, restructuring or rearranging is less tasking than reformulation. The authors can seek to restructure or rearrange the work in such a simpler manner that makes more logical sense and befits scientific works. They can, as suggestion, introduce the write-up with clear original language and without citations. Introduction can be followed by contextual notes or antecedents, theory and methods, empirical analysis and well coordinated findings or results before conclusion or final consideration without citations.

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