

Review of: "Why Corruption in Nigeria? Experts' Accounts on the Occurrences and Persistence"

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The study contributes to emerging research on corruption and disillusionment in Nigeria and Africa which suggests a rethink in the blame game on the cancer of corruption in postcolonial African states. The article is engaging, and further maps out approaches to addressing corruption in Nigeria. This is as the author expends resources in not only tracing the history of corruption but also its causes. The methodology deployed is also apposite and distinguishes this study from existing studies on corruption in Nigeria as the author domiciled the interview within the ranks of anti-corruption bodies in Nigeria. The revelations are appalling as the researcher gets sincere and incisive revelations from the participants who also do not absolve themselves from the menace but are optimistic of a better Nigeria. The author, hence, achieves the aim of the study with the six reasons identified by his expert participants which could be narrowed down to the 21st participant's outburst that "everybody is trying to get what they want to satisfy themselves...no commitment to the cause called Nigeria." This position resonates Abubakar Gimba's (2008) Epistolary Novel titled *letter to the unborn child* where only the unborn child is exonerated from corruption and points to a more recent discourse of 'Inverted disillusionment' in African literature.

While the author is commended and the study is adjudged a holistic enquiry into the recurrence of corruption in Nigeria, the author however needs to motivate the imperative of the use of a seeming 'not too recent' data. Was the publication delayed based on the sensitivity or volatility of the appalling revelations when they were given by the participants? The revelations are however true of what still obtains in contemporary Nigeria. Another area the author will also need to revise is the use of the pronoun "we" which suggests a teamwork while the paper only bears one author. The author could also beef up the conclusion with some of the findings.