

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

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Comments

- Overall, introduction is relevant and appropriate for the research article. It provides a comprehensive introduction to the topic and lays the groundwork for the study's focus on government interference in election administration and its impact on electoral irregularities in Nigeria and other African countries. It also presents theoretical frameworks and contextual information necessary for the research.
- While the theoretical background provided for the research article has several strengths. However, it also exhibits some weaknesses that could be addressed to strengthen the overall research: (1) Update the theoretical background by including more recent literature and studies on illiberal democracy, electoral irregularities, and voter participation in Africa. (2) Provide a detailed and contextualized explanation of the specific political, historical, and socio-economic factors that contribute to government interference and electoral irregularities in Nigeria. (3) Understanding the unique challenges faced by Nigeria will enhance the relevance and applicability of the research findings.
- The methodology presented in the research article appears to be appropriate for investigating the topic of government interference in election administration and lethal electoral irregularities in Nigeria.
- The results section appears to be relevant and appropriate for the research article. The text delves into several aspects of the issue, including INEC independence, appointment of key officers, financial dependence on the government, and manipulation of the electoral process. Overall, it presents a comprehensive examination of the challenges and complexities associated with the electoral system in Nigeria.
- The discussion section presents a comprehensive overview of the issues related to government interference in election administration and electoral irregularities in Nigeria. The content appears to be relevant and informative for a research article focused on this topic. The article has clearly mentioned references of previous studies. The text cites several studies and articles to reinforce the presented findings, making the research article well-grounded and evidence-based. The writing is clear and coherent, making it easy for readers to follow the arguments and understand the points being made.

