

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

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Thank you very much for writing this very interesting article. I believe studying corruption is a very important way of contributing to fight it. In this paper the author presents a literature review on the different causes of corruption in Nigeria, indicating colonialism as the major factor but not excluding a responsibility of local people ("corruption is deemed to have originated from the indigenous African culture Agbiboa, 2012; Nye, 1967").

The paper contributes on going deeper in analysing different reasons why corruption is so common in Nigeria.

Trying to give some suggestions to improve the manuscript I would argue that it could be interesting to give a more quantitative picture of the issue in Nigeria (I agree the single case is very strong and representative, and sometimes the quantitative representation of the phenomena are not significant, but I guess it could be useful to present a wider depiction of the corruption in Nigeria in order to give major importance to the subject under scrutiny).

Regarding the methodology I guess that even if the panel of experts is a good source of information, it risks of giving a single perspective on the phenomena. Now, it is not clear who these experts are and in which way they could represent the variety of causes that contributes to the adoption of corruptive practices in Nigeria. Due to the fact that the aim of the article is very ambitious (underlying all the possible causes of corruption in Nigeria) I would suggest enlarging your panel, not involving other agencies, but trying to interview people from different institutional and not institutional players (for example public officers, prosecutors, citizens involved in association fighting corruption and so on). To me this option could give a more comprehensive and original result.

For further research, I would also suggest investigating one issue trying to recognize the different mechanisms that are involved in, or a specific sector that could be a good arena to understand corruption (for example public administration).