

Review of: "The Role of Nation and State Institutions in Nigeria's Economy: An Empirical Review"

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This is both an interesting and vital topic in this case focussing on the role of Nation and State institutions in Nigeria's economy. A similar enquiry could be done in any other country which at different levels provides support for economic (and other types) of development. The study (also) 'aims to assess the role of National and State institutions in shaping Nigeria' economy'; the study fails to do this. The study describes ten institutions which relates in different ways to either National or State areas of policy-making. The links are described but not analysed leading to a measure of questionable assessment. It is the absence of a critical dimension which creates a disappointment with this article. For example; 'by implementing these policies, Nigeria can harness the full potential of its institutions to drive sustainable economic development and improve the well-being of its citizens.' This simply describes what is possible but there is no analysis of whether there was any implementation strategy or how successful or unsuccessful it was; where is the assessment of these proposals? It also begs the question of what is 'sustainable economic development'?

A further question relates to the ten articles quoted - on what basis were they chosen and which others were considered? Simply quoting the outcome of the articles is not research but rather a starting point for further enquiry. Also, the conclusions to this article could have been written by anyone with a basic knowledge of Nigeria and there is no obvious new material.

The authors seem to be satisfied that the National and State level institutions are proposing supportive policies which could have positive impacts on the Nigerian economy - if they are implemented! Given its rich oil and abundant natural resources the question arises as to why Nigeria fails to improves its economic status? Is it the alleged corruption of the political elite or some other issues perhaps relating to implementation problems?

The authors might want to revisit this article using a much more critical lens without which there can only be flawed analysis and questionable assessment.