

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

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Many thanks for the opportunity to review this interesting paper that discussed a topic which has become a conundrum in Nigeria. Whilst I commend the author(s) for their approach toward the topic area, some observations need to be addressed to strengthen the paper. My comments are summarized below:

1. The abstract was not well concluded to reflect the implications of the key findings.
2. The introduction needs more credible sources to reflect a sound academic discourse. Add more recent sources as the current ones you have are dated. I also think the section can be expanded.
3. The literature review section needs to be rewritten to expunge some mistakes. For instance, see paragraphs 5 and 7, some sentences are ambiguous. The way some sources were cited does not reflect the right way to cite authors in academic writing. For instance, I do not think it is proper to use ampersand outside a parenthesis. Please cite your sources properly.
4. For the methodology section, I do not think you have done enough to justify your approach to data collection and analysis. For instance, readers need to know more about the two leading anti-corruption agencies in Nigeria from where the participants were drawn for a better understanding of the rationale for choosing them. Readers also need to know more about the interviews conducted (were they semi-structured or unstructured?). I reckon you should explore further to understand other ways of doing thematic analysis. You can check out the source below:

Braun, V., & Clarke, V. (2012). Thematic analysis. In H. Cooper, P. M. Camic, D. L. Long, A. T. Panter, D. Rindskopf, & K. J. Sher (Eds.), *APA handbook of research methods in psychology, Vol. 2. Research designs: Quantitative, qualitative, neuropsychological, and biological* (pp. 57–71). American Psychological Association. <https://doi.org/10.1037/13620-004>

5. I suggest you add a discussion section after the presentation of results to support the flow of your argument. In the discussion section, you are expected to link your argument to the broader literature to either support or refute existing knowledge in the topic area.

6. The reference list is inadequate and should be rewritten. Please expunge the wrong use of capital letters for the first letter of the titles of publications. I also suggest you cite your newspaper sources properly in line with the APA format.