

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

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Comments

- The study is written well. The body text is easy to understand. The authors narrated the performance of Nigerian Election commission. The authors used key informants calls interviews from 12 Nigerian states. They selected 36 persons to be interviewed but finally they got interviewed from 21 people? The author (s) did not explained how they selected sample size? How they selected 12 states? Do only 21 interviews from 12 states are enough for a study? Do the author(s) have any saturated point before stopping interview 21st person?
- The author (s) make categories the election performance into three categories in cross-tabulation analysis. Before this they have not mentioned that they will make categories of government intervention prior to this point. Author (s) need to add this where they have mentioned the contribution of this study in introduction.
- The author (s) have not presented interview analysis as it should be. It is suggested to add proper interview analysis from interviewers.
- The discussion part is about interference of INEC. It is suggested to add analysis from respondents too. What the respondent's thoughts about government interference in election process.

Decision

Overall this study is good. But it need to incorporate these suggestion to improve it. This study can be accepted for publication after incorporating suggested changes.