

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

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The title, "Government interference in election administration and lethal electoral irregularities in Africa: Evidence from Nigeria" is quite timely. The authors demonstrate a very good knowledge of the Nigerian electoral management processes. The authors provide relevant and informative empirical evidence to show why government-determined electoral reforms do not achieve the desired results in Nigeria. The authors did not provide a conceptual understanding of the phrase "lethal electoral irregularities" The basis for the estimated cost of \$2.35 billion for postponing the 2019 election is not strong. Similarly, the sentiments expressed by Sahara Reporters (2021) which the authors cited in the paper about the Northern Elders on the issue of "born-to rule" entitlement is speculative and should not be considered credible. However, the authors propose "voter-driven electoral reforms" as the alternative solution to the electoral problems in Nigeria. Anecdotal evidence provides indications that Nigeria needs reforms in the inner life and character of Nigerians. Until there is a positive mindset, no reforms, no matter how well-intentioned are likely to succeed. The paper is well researched and written and the authors deserve commendation.