

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

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The article is titled "**The Role of Nation and State Institutions in Nigeria's Economy: An Empirical Review**" while the abstract, introduction, and objective indicate the role of national institutions and states in shaping Nigeria's economy. The researcher used different names for the article, such as: empirical review, study, article, and paper, but maybe it is a literature review for academic purposes, and in the form of a systematic review.

Since the article is a systematic review, the abstract should be a concise of the entire article, and should include only main points, without addressing the aim, methodology, and conclusions. That is, providing an abstract of the topic being discussed, an overview of the empirical studies being reviewed, discussing the results and conclusions reached by those studies, and explaining how the actual and potential impact of these results on the theoretical and practical aspects of the relevant discipline. The title of the article, abstract, and keywords must be indicative of the content of the article, and must be clear, concise, and contain relevant information.

In general, the review article should provide the introduction (reference background) to the review by explaining the importance of the review topic in a scientific manner, and supports it with basic information in order to inform the reader about the review topic. The introduction usually begins by providing an overview of the topic and outlining the research context, explaining why the review is being conducted. As well as defining terms that may be unfamiliar. The researcher defined the nation and the state, without referring to the reference. More importantly, the paragraph began with the phrase "**in the African context**," as if there was a difference in the African context from other places in the world in its definition of what a nation and state are, their components and characteristics. This definition is of the federal state with its components of institutions at the federal level, institutions at the state level, or institutions at the level of sub-state units. This includes African federal states only.

It is worth noting that the researcher referred to national institutions in Africa as including both state institutions and non-state institutions such as civil society organizations, professional associations, trade unions, and the private sector. This statement came as if African countries were unique in this particularity to the rest of the world, while national institutions are called formal and informal institutions, and sometimes they are called the public sector, the private sector, and the third sector, as it includes civil society organizations, political parties, professional unions, pressure groups, entrepreneurs, etc. Here, the author should have come up with a definition of nation building and state building for the purpose of clarification, as long as he mentioned them.

The introduction is usually as brief as possible, and does not repeat information that does not assist the topic or is far from it. **“To support the claims made in this introduction, this essay will draw on various sources, including scholarly articles, government reports, and books, to provide evidence and examples of the significance and function of nation and state institutions in Nigeria”**. Undoubtedly, this article is a review of the progress made on the topic of the role of national and state institutions in Nigerian’s economy, through discussing the findings contained in the research papers covered in it, i.e., a critical assessment of the authors’ point of view of research papers, as well as an evaluation of the content of the research under review. The role of the review article is not limited to collecting references related to the topic and reviewing the importance and function of nation and state institutions in Nigeria’s economy. It is necessary to define the scope of the review on the topic and recognize the research question that the article will attempt to answer. The review article should mention recent developments and discoveries in the field in question, and draws conclusions about the results presented.

In the theoretical framework, **“The researcher presented the theoretical framework that underpins your study, focusing on relevant concepts related to institutions, and economic development. Discuss the existing literature on the role of institutions in economic growth and development, highlighting key studies”**. This paragraph was unsuccessful in articulating the content of the article, it appeared as if someone else had reviewed the article and recommended that the theoretical framework include focusing on concepts, discussing the literature, and highlighting the key studies.

In the concept of state and nation institutions in Africa, **“State institutions are established by the constitution and are tasked with maintaining law and order, implementing policies, and providing public services”**, with regard to the phrase **“policy implementation”** these institutions are not only responsible for implementing policy but are responsible for making and implementing public policy.

The subtopics relevant to the theoretical framework, such as **(Differences and Similarities between Nation and State Institutions in Nigeria)**, **(List of Nation and State Institutions in Nigeria)**, and **(Importance of State and Nation Institutions)**, are unnecessary to mention and enumerate because they do not assist the subject of this review article, and their presence or absence is the same. There is no need to give all this attention, because it is known to public administration specialists, so it does not add anything scientific to the review.

Regarding methodology, **“This part of the paper describes the methodology employed in your empirical review, including the data collection process, sample selection, and any econometric techniques used for analysis. The researcher justified methodological choices and addressed potential limitations or biases in this study”**, here referring the same note that we made regarding the theoretical framework as if someone else had reviewed this article and recommended what the methodology included. In addition, the definition of Nigeria is repeated, therefore there is no need to mention it here. Regarding the sampling design, the researcher examined published research articles on the role of nation and state institutions in Nigerian’s economy from the year 2012 until 2023, while the researcher examined published studies on the topic from the year 2012 until 2023. It is preferable that the summary of the research methodology is not written in a tabular, and it requires the researcher to justify the reason for choosing these studies and not others.

With regard to **‘Empirical Review on the Role of State and National Institutions in the Nigerian Economy’**, which is the core theme of the review. The researcher presented studies that addressed the role of national institutions and the role of state-level institutions in the Nigeria’s economy, by analyzing how these institutions contribute to economic growth, stability and development. The researcher stated that **“Provide the 10 empirical pieces of evidence or case studies that support your findings”** this statement is further evidence of the researcher’s inaccuracy in expressing the article, and a reviewer recommended to support findings.

Apparently, this is the primary objective of the review, where the researcher analyzes how national and state institutions contribute to “economic growth, stability and development” by discussing, summarizing and synthesizing 10 empirical studies, meaning that the researcher has previously identified aspects related to Nigeria’s economy, this requires to be reflected in the title of the article. The researcher should define at the beginning of the article what is meant by the Nigeria’s economy, determine its components and characteristics, and must settle on it and base his discussions and evaluation on it in light of the ten studies for reviewing and throughout the article without deviating from it. The researcher considers studies that deal with the role of national and state institutions in aspects related to Nigeria’s economy. Moreover, the researcher did not discuss these studies that he mentioned in a critical manner, nor did he undertake to evaluate them, nor did he undertake to reveal the research gap in these studies, if any. Rather, what the researcher did was merely create a table for these studies, including: author’s name, year of publication, study topic, journal name, and findings of the studies in a simple and superficial manner without providing any added value, and without any participation of the researcher. The researcher used the narrative method in presenting the topic instead of analysis which reflects subjectivity.

As for the issue of **interactions between national and state institutions**, in this part the researcher discussed what he called the interactions between national and state institutions in Nigeria, as these institutions play a significant role in shaping the country’s economy, in terms of coordination, collaboration, and conflicts, with their effects on economic outcomes. What is taken into account is that the researcher did not refer to the ten studies that he addressed in the article. What’s worse is that he strayed far from the topic of the review. The researcher explains the implications of policies that highlight the importance of promoting effective cooperation, addressing conflicts, and strengthening coordination mechanisms between national and state institutions, all of this without referring to evidence in ten studies. Consequently, the researcher moves away from the main aim of the review, to discuss, summarize, and synthesize the ten studies.

Regarding the policy implications, the researcher in this part addressed the political implications of strengthening mechanisms for coordination, collaboration, and conflict resolution between these institutions to achieve sustainable economic development, in addition to enhancing revenue allocation, improving resource management, investing in infrastructure, capacity building, and this was not explained, through the ten studies he mentioned in the article, without going into studies in depth.

In the conclusion, the researcher only recurrent the statement of the positive contribution of national and state institutions to the Nigeria’s economy. The researcher concluded the review by presenting the scope for future research. In this part, the researcher proposes a detailed analysis of the specific mechanisms through which national and state institutions

contribute to economic growth. Conduct further research to explore the effectiveness of capacity building initiatives and institutional quality in driving economic outcomes, in addition to examine the implications for the relationship between national and state institutions in the context of Nigeria's federal structure.

Finally, this review came with the subtitle "An Empirical Review," while it was originally a literature review for academic purposes. It is a systematic review that was unsuccessful in achieving its objectives. Therefore, I recommend re-conducting the review taking into account the basics of a review article (PRISMA), and in light of the notes I made above, or changing the review to "An Analytical Study". My high appreciation.