

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

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This is an interesting study that aims to analyze how government interference in election administration undermines democratic process in developing African countries, using Nigeria as a reference. However, the study suffers from several shortcomings that should be fixed. In particular, I really do not see in the text government interference (at least from my understanding of interference) but just the fact that INEC is to a large extent supervised by the Nigerian government. The goal of one of the analyses in the paper is to check whether government interference as a form of electoral irregularities that leads to lethal violent elections and voter participation are related. However, I do not see the link in discussion on the relationship between government interference or the fact that government in part controls INEC and violent elections. I also do not understand how the Author used the boxplot (figure 4) to check association between election related death and voters turnout(%). The same applies for figure (3). Moreover, I find that the paper does not clearly link thoughts or arguments. Therefore, I suggest fixing these shortcomings before publishing the paper.