

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

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The article examines corruption in Nigeria. The article is timely and contributes to important academic and policy debate, and to an extent added to existing knowledge about anticorruption actors' perception of the corruption problem. I have the following comments:

1. The article started with an introduction of 'recent; huge cash discoveries in various places in Nigeria. The article was probably first written around 2017, thus, the reference to them as recent. In the context of Nigeria where corruption acts are on the fast happening lane, these incidents are not recent no more and they happened about six years ago. The author should consider revising the introduction and bring in general discussion on the pervasiveness of corruption in Nigeria.
2. The use of qualitative tools is good. However, the themes identified and upon which the analysis is based is simplistic. Such themes like 'the need for survival, economic reasons, conducive environment and so on seem too basic and may not stand basic intellectual scrutiny and rigour. If the need to survive is a reason for corruption, people in less corrupt society also need to survive. I do not have suggestion on how this can be amended as the study is already structured around these themes.
3. Some of the figures/charts are not really very helpful. They are not directly conveying novel insight and some of the information therein are not understandable. For instance, info17, info 4, codes, etc in figure 4. What are they supposed to be communicating?
4. I also think the literature review is underwhelming and can be improved. Corruption literature is huge and extensive, and the author can dive deeper. I will suggest he read Peter Ekeh, *The Two Public* (1975). The work has an enduring theory about the Nigeria society and the sociological underpinning of the governance problem.
5. All the best