

# Review of: "Winner-takes-all Majoritarian System and Irregularities in Six Election Cycles in Nigeria, 1999 – 2019"

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- This is a very interesting article, which contributes to an important subject matter. Overall, there are some key arguments made and I think that the paper would benefit from more concise causal analysis or rationale.
- The introduction section of this research article would benefit by making more clear to the reader what the core contribution of this research paper is. For example, as a reader, I am unclear as to how the authors are going to demonstrate electoral irregularities throughout the electoral processes in Nigeria.
- In the theoretical section on majoritarian systems, it appears that at times there are flips between the advantages and the disadvantages of the majoritarian system which can be a little bit confusing. For example, within the third paragraph there is a discussion in around the advantages that this system can have for majorities within a district however, this then flips to malpractices. This can be a little bit confusing at times to follow one consistent thread of thought and to understand the perspectives of the scholars. As a reader, I am left a little bit uncertain as to the preference the authors give to an electoral system.
- It would be great if the authors could provide greater causality on the link between MES excluding smaller parties and therefore, leading to acts of violence.
- The deployment began in 2015 and continued in the 2019 election season. – 2019?
- Methodology – make clearer what you are actually using up front. There is a discussion that causal analysis may not be applicable but it is not clearly stated what you will actually be using
- I think that some of the very useful context provided in *Winner-takes-all Majoritarian System and Life-taking Elections in Nigeria* Would be more useful up front
- Figure 1 –Frequency
- Needs to be a clearer connection between number of deaths and how this relates to the elections. There is a development of this idea in terms of rioting, it would be good if this was more apparent