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The Inefficiencies of governmental roles in Nigeria

In this essay, I will like to define the two keywords; Inefficiencies and government. Although they are not many new words to even the layman, it is important I define both concepts. Inefficiencies can be defined as the lack of ability to put to full use time and resources. It could also mean a state in which maximum productivity is not achieved due to failure to make the best use of time or resources. Government is known to be a body that see to the affairs and rule abidance of the people in a particular geographical location or they can be called leaders to a layman. Nigeria as a country in its sixtieth year after independence has gone through military rule for seventeen years, three republic and it’s currently on its fourth one and also fought the civilian war within itself for two years. Nigeria is among the fastest developing countries in the world and is richly blessed with numerous resources, both mineral and natural which can last the indigenes of the country till eternity. Nigeria is classified among the third world countries in terms of communication and technology and is backwards due to the too many failures of its government to maximize productivity so the resources and time aren’t used but in this case, some resources are neglected and the only resource being maximized is oil which is the country’s main natural resource and it is the country’ main source of revenue but the government aren’t maximizing it enough as they are using it for their selfish needs that’s why the naira is depreciating in terms of its value with dollar which is the only medium of exchange accepted all over world.

The government has failed to maximize all its natural resources except crude oil. They are forgetting that it isn’t advisable to put all your eggs in one basket. Little do they know that this is the vital thing that can stop unemployment in the country but they neglect other resources and put in all on their dear oil and the country is not growing in the normal way in terms of the (GDP). Nigeria has led but we do ant have any industry manufacturing pencils. Instead, the Chinese come down here and take the Led and make the pencils in their country and Nigerians are still expected to buy, what is ours? We have everything it takes to make pencils and pencil is still much in use even in our today life so if that area is worked upon, revenue can be generated for the country. The government neglect the activities of aliens especially the Chinese as in almost all states of Nigeria, the Chinese has an industry where a commodity is being produced and sold to the same country at high price. I wonder if their eyes are yet opened to this because the Chinese capitalized and took advantage of the Nigerian government’s blindness. In every state or region of Nigeria, natural resources can be found and if all the resources are worked upon, more industries will spring up and when such industries spring up, it will need educated elites to run it thereby providing job opportunities for its citizens. In the eastern region, gold, salt, coal and so many others can be found there, Nigeria is even blessed with a large amount of land and its indigenes are good at farming but the situations at hand will make farming stressful and money will be wasted. There are large water bodies in Nigeria where fishery can bring the state revenue but when they go to drill out the oil from that water body, the water becomes unsafe and unhealthy both to the organisms inhabited there and the people living around that area and the government seem to care less except for their money. In the course of them not even maximizing the resources, lives are endangered. Like a water body in Bayelsa where oil has been gotten from for about fifty years which would take the same amount of years to fix it, I do not think that river was fully fixed. Nigeria also has high forestry reserve with tress but she still import toothpick.

Again is corruption. This has been a major problem towards the development of this great country. It has eaten deep into the system that even a primary school child can cheat his or her parents. Just recently, during the lock down due to the pandemic that is threatening human existence, the state governor gave the local government chairman of my cousin’s area about ten bags of rice to share to the people in that area but instead, the officials shared it among themselves and someone in the neighborhood questioned them about the rice meant for the people in that area during that hard time but the response he got was the cutting of the wire that supplied electricity to his compound. Politics itself is not a dirty game but the Nigerian Government has made it one as any politician will do what it takes to be in power. After his tenure because you can’t find a woman in the Nigerian politics of today. When these men get power, they get power drunk and don’t want to step down for democracy to take its course or when they want to go out of office, they put their ‘person’ in the local term which means that someone close to them to make sure they still get something from the office whereby they are not in charge. There isn’t fair play in the Nigerian democracy of today, we even practice what one can term as “autocratic democracy” the views of the people aren’t recognized again. The peoples say aren’t considered any more. Election results are not that of the electorates, the Nigerian government do as they feel like because they are in power. Their actions is putting the country in jeopardy because as the day go by, people lose faith on these men and they become politically less concerned about what goes on in the country because they are discourage and can see no betterment of this country for the future. Also, during the lock down many organizations aid Nigeria financially to fight the pandemic but we later heard of the finance house being on fire I don’t understand how. There was even a case of the money swallowing snake, all these stories are just deceive people to cover the fact that the money has gone into their pockets.

Also, the Nigerian government is filled with people who act inhuman as if they lack conscience. Their dealings with the people who put them in power is not worth considering at all because their greed is affecting the populace. First of all, the people are being lied to and made to believe their stories are false claims and when they are voted in, they forget the promises they made and embezzle. This keeps re-occurring because every four years, there is always a general election so these politicians do everything in their power to win starting from the campaign where they will spend money and other sources their money will entre during the course of the election. When they get into power, these men seek the money they lost during the election and during that process, they would not be able to meet up with their promise and the people’s demand making people’s lives miserable. They also make the law and they make the law in a way that it will suit them and their doings. A poor man has no say, because he or she is not influential enough to gain people’s attention. If a rich man and a poor man commit the same crime, which that of the rich man will be neglected because he will bribe his way out but the poor man will be there to face the consequence and be insulted like as if a responsible citizen never did the same or worse. The rich are getting richer while the poor are getting poorer.

Lastly, the government’s inefficiencies id putting the country in jeopardy as most of their actions are the reason for social vices because the country has turned to a one of self-employment. Despite all these circumstances, some people are still hustling their way out, but others are willing to do anything it takes to make it. If only the government will tell themselves the truth and reduce their laboring on oil and focus on other resources, there will be employment and individual intellectual won’t go to waste, gone are the days when immediately you finished school, there’s a job already waiting for one which is the way things supposed to be. Every day, criminals are convicted against the state butt the state can’t be persecuted because it is in power. Imagine, when they are in power, they can’t be persecuted until when they are out of office, isn’t that time not enough for them to plan their escape so they keep committing more crimes because the law cannot be against them. China for example is a socialist country and every one there can survive in that state because the revenue is equally distributed among its citizen’s so there will be peace. I am not advising that Nigeria be a socialist state but at least the level at which the government is given power should be reduced because humanity deserves peace, things of this world is vanity after amassing all these wealth it won’t still be enjoyed in the afterlife. Simple life styles should be encouraged for the sake of the future of tomorrow.