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**Political parties in Nigerian**

Political are an important link between government and people (Dickerson and Flanagan 2002).it is an invention that first developed in the nineteenth century in response to the appearance of elections involving large numbers of voters.politicians developed the idea of political party at that time as a device to help themselves and like minded friends get elected, but the party proved to have many other uses as well and went on to become a ubiquitous feature of modern politics(shivery, 2008).

The first modern electoral democracy was the United States of America ,in Britain 1867 was the first year in which there was a reasonable widespread extension of the votes.

There are many definitions of polo along parties from people like Herman finer he defined political party as an organized body with voluntary membership, it’s concerted energy being employed in the pursuit of political power.

**Characteristics of political parties**

• Political parties has party manifestos which guide their conduct during and after winning elections

• They are guided by party constitution which direct the conduct of party officials and members within and outside government

**Types of political parties**

• Ideological party :they are formed with political ideology or benefit which form the bases of the party .

• Mass parties:this are parties that draws its membership from all sections of the society and have wide membership.mass parties takes such as people party or labor party etc and there manifesto are aimed at alleviating the suffering of the masses .

• Charismatic party:this is political party that is formed or led by individuals with charisma. It revolves around the personal qualities of the leader.

Functions of political parties

• Political stability

• Political education

• Interest aggregation

• Organization of government

• Goal information

**Political parties in Nigeria**

Political parties in Nigeria developed following the growth of the nationalist consciousness and sentiments and nationalist movements (ikelegbe,2010). According to him, nationalist agitators formed groups and associations, to organize against colonial misrule .the fulcrum for the emergence of parties formation in Nigeria was constitutional development.the Clifford constitution provided for four electives seats in its legislative conuncil, while the Richards constitution development of 1946 retained the four electives seats and established regional assemblies.

**Political parties in 1920-1950**

The Nigerian national development party (NNDP) was regarded as the first political party that was formed in Nigeria . Clifford constitution of 1922 gave rise to the formation of NNDP in 1923,it was led by Herbert Macaulay who is regarded as the father of Nigeria nationalism.The Nigerian Youth Movement (NYM) was formed in 1934 by a group of young Nigeria’s led by Ernest Ikoli,Samuel Akinsanya. The National Council Of Nigerian and Cameroon(NCNC) was formed in 1944.it was renamed the National Convention Of Nigerian Citizen in 1960 when some parts Cameroon’s broke away from Nigeria.

**Problems that confronted pre-independence politicals parties**

* The political parties were without national outlook.they had regional support and ethnic loyalty
* The political parties placed much emphasis on personalities rather than issues
* Political party defection weakened or led to the collapse of political parties during this era

**Political parties in the second republic in Nigerian**

The ban on politics was lifted in September 1978. Following that about 53 political associations sought to contest the 1979 general elections.five of these were registered by the federal electoral commission.the NPN was officially launched in September 1978 in Lagos after lifting of ban on party politics by the military government.the party main goal was national unity with the slogan”one nation, one destiny “. The third registered party in the second republic is the NNP reincarnated from NCNC.

**Political parties in the third republic Nigeria**

They were two parties that were registered and they were the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and the National Republican Convention (NRC) were established by the government.the registration of SDP was approved by the Armed Forces Ruling Council with Chief Tony Anenih as its national chairman.it had its registered offices at FCT.the National republican Convention (NRC) was registered through the approval of the armed forces ruling council with Chief Tony Ikimi at it’s national chairman.

**Political parties in the fourth republic**

Three political parties were registered in preparation towards the fourth republic in 1998 by Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) among several political associations that struggled for registration as political parties.the Anne’s of the registered parties are the alliance for Democracy (AD) , All people party(APP) which in 2002 changed its name to All Nigerian Peoples Party (ANPP) and the people’s Democratic Party (PDP).

Since the inception of the of the fourth republic,other political parties have been registered

By INEC , so Nigeria now has many political parties.