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Assignment

The term citizen has an inherently political meaning that implies a certain type of relationship between the people and government.citizen have set of right and responsibility, including the right to participate in decisions that affect welfare . In Ancient Rome, it was considered a privilege status to be called citizen because the status was not accorded to all inhabitants of the Roman Empire.slaves and some alien residents were deprived of citizenship for racial political and religious reason.to be a citizen means to enjoy certain liberties and rights ass opposed to the slaves who could not enjoy them.

Citizenship of a state may be acquired either by birth or by naturalization .on the other hand , the process by which an individual may voluntarily change his/her citizenship of a state to another state is known as naturalization. The condition under which naturalization are conferred vary from country to country .

Chapter 111, section 25:1(a) of the constitution of the federal republic define citizenship as:

* Every person born in Nigeria after the date of independence either of whose parents or any of whose grandparents is a citizen of Nigeria
* Every person born outside Nigeria either of whose parents is a citizen of Nigeria

Section 26(1) to section 32 also stipulates the conditions which into person that is trying to naturalize must fulfill before he or she can be registered as a citizen of Nigeria.

Citizenship can be perceived to be made up of, or be divided into civil citizenship, political citizenship and social citizenship.,

Citizenship doesn’t have just one definition, it means different things to different people.for example , Brannan et. Al.(2006:55) argue that the concept of citizenship holds that’s citizenship is not solely comprised of passive membership of a political entity, but that being active is an essential of being a citizen .citizenship is about being willing to contribute to social action as well as to political debate, to be willing to get involved. There are broader definitions and perceptions of citizenship as well as shown by glover (2004:18) who argues that there are three dimensions of active citizenship: ethical citizenship, integrative citizenship and educative citizenship.

**Democracy**

The word democracy is gotten from the Greek word “demos” meaning people and kratos meaning rule, that is ‘rule by the people “ (Emiri 2003, cited in ojo ,2015).

Abraham Lincoln, former American president, perceived democracy as the government of the people, by the people and for the people .

Since there is no single definition of democracy however we can deduce form the various definitions of democracy are the following feature

* Freedom press
* Periodic elections that is free
* Existence of the rule of law
* The fundamental rights of the citizens is guaranteed

Citizens are therefore expected to perform the following responsibilities in a democracy

* A citizen should be willing to pay taxes since without taxes to fund a democratic government there would be no democracy.a democracy must provide for all of it’s citizens and this can be better enabled when citizens pay taxes
* A citizen in a democracy should have the duty to vote. There is no point in democracy in which we do not participate .people, who are unhappy with their leaders are free to organize and peacefully make the case for change or try to vote those leaders out of office at established times for elections
* A good citizens must refrain from uttering destructive criticism but must be prepared to offer constructive alternatives to government policies . He should not stir up racial or class divisions within the state which may lead to bloodshed or chaos .