

“CAUGHT IN THE ACT”: CORRUPTION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE IN NIGERIA

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Abstract

Nigeria is notorious for Corruption. This is particularly evidenced by successive annual Transparency International CPI Rankings, reports from International Financial Institutions and development practitioners. As if with the return of democracy, corruption was in the waiting, it correspondingly expanded and deepened. As political parties and elections are central to and synonymous with democratization, all activities to do with these acts are beclouded in corruption. The main aim of this paper is to investigate the seeming expansion of corruption into campaign finance of politicians and political parties and to therefore argue that internal and external problems of parties, electoral misconducts and insurgency-related insecurities could scientifically be explained from the perspectives of the problematiques of corruption in Nigeria.

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