

ABSTRACT

The role of mass media (newspaper) in facilitating, supporting and consolidating democracy, human right and good governance vis-à-vis addressing socio-economic, legal and infrastructural inadequacy in Nigeria cannot be overemphasized. Human right and governance are intertwined, but what is the relationship of newspaper reportage on it in Nigeria. This study examined newspaper reportage on human right and governance. It examined the key issues and impact of mass media reportage as well as factors militating against effective newspaper reportage on human right and governance in Nigeria. The study is based on descriptive research design. Questionnaires were administered to 70 journalists and interview 21 others. This was supplemented by secondary data from journals, textbook, newspapers, and magazine, internet etc. Data were analyzed using frequency, percentage and graphs. Based on the findings, the study revealed that newspaper reportage has enhanced protection of human right as well as promoting good governance. Also, newspaper reportage played significant role in resisting oppression and the attention of Nigerians to maladministration of any form. It concluded that newspaper reportage on human rights and governance are critical to good governance and improve democracy in Nigeria.

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