

LEADERSHIP AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT IN NIGERIA'S FOURTH REPUBLIC: IMPLICATIONS FOR DEMOCRATIC SUSTENANCE

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Abstract

All over the world, the place of leadership in security of any country cannot be overemphasized. Hardly is there any country in the world without a standing army and other security forces under political leadership to protect it against external aggression and internal insurrection. In other words, there seems to be a correlation between leadership and national security. Thus, leadership is seen as the symbol of security of any country. The inability of any political leader to manage the security of a country can be the greatest undoing of such a leader. This is because there cannot be development in the midst of insecurity. Anchored on system theory, with heavy reliance on secondary data, the study examines leadership and security management in Nigeria with a particular focus on the Fourth Republic. The study finds that leadership failure is a major factor responsible for inability to manage insecurity in the country with grave implications for democratic sustenance. It is therefore suggested among other things the need to sensitize the people to shun sentiment in recruiting people to positions of leadership in the country.

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