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Assessment of Emotional Intelligence among Nigerian Police

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**ABSTRACT** This study used an ex-post facto approach to assess emotional intelligence in the Nigeria Police. In the study, emotional intelligence of participants was content-rated using Emotional Intelligence Test. With a sample of 285 police (officers and men), the results indicated that Nigerian police are not emotionally intelligent when they were tested on the following variables: gender (t = .692, > 0.05), age (t = .66, > 0.05), job status (t = .36, > 0.05), marital status (t = 1.1, > 0.05), and years of experience (F = 1.372, > 0.05). The results indicate the need for the Nigerian Police to embrace emotional intelligence.