

The Relevance of the Culture of Origin to Nation Building in Nigeria

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ABSTRACT Nigeria is a multi – ethnic country. Each ethnic group and sub –group has its tradition of origin which tends to emphasize ethnic individualism in the country and thus the impossibility of building Nigeria into a united country. This work has recognized the culture of tracing origin in Nigeria and its divisive impact. It says that inspite of their individualism, a more careful examination of the traditions will reveal the existence of links among the ethnic groups. It is the contention of the work that such links can be highlighted in many ways, in drama, educational policy etc for the successful building of a united Nigerian state.