

The Challenges of Youths' Involvement in Violence, Conflicts and Crises Management in Igboland, Nigeria

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ABSTRACT This paper explores the challenges which conflict and violence have posed to development in Igbo-land, South- East of Nigeria. It investigates the predisposing factors that lead the Youths to be deeply involved in conflict and violence. Traditionally in Igbo-land, youths were supposed to be vanguards to crises management, foot soldiers, and catalysts to development. Their involvement in violence underplays their roles in the society. This paper implicates the social structure of the Igbo society, the culture of materialism, improper socialization system, and locus of control as factors predisposing the Youths to violence. It advocates appropriate socialization system, good governance that is imbued with structural norms and values, human capital development, functional education, and other measures to curtail the challenges and implications of Youths' involvement in violence and inordinate material acquisition to ensure entrepreneurship for national development.