

**Niger Delta Youth Militancy – The Bayelsa Experience:
Antecedents and Consequences and the Counselling Implications**

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ABSTRACT This study was designed to investigate the antecedents and consequences as well as the counseling implications of youth militancy in Bayelsa State of Niger Delta, in Nigeria. 525 male and 255 female drawn from the 39 local government areas (LGAs) participated in the study. Their age ranged from 14 – 35 with a mean of 23. Since the state is a predominantly rural one, most of the participants are rural dwellers. The study confirmed that antecedents and consequences are rooted in the fact that these youths have been underprivileged, unemployed and raised mostly by their single mothers of very low socio economic status, within a weak family structure, who have little control over the youths in their impoverished, swampy rural environments that are devoid of modern conveniences and facilities. The implication for the counselor thus recommend is that of advocacy for good governance and dialogue facilitated by the counselor, to achieve a lasting peace in the state.