

Challenges to Public Participation in Political Processes in Nigeria

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ABSTRACT The constant violence associated with public participation in Nigeria can be attributed to processes of state formation. The colonial state played a significant role in the process of ethnic identity formation. Consequently, the present Nigerian state is inherently a crisis prone and a violence generating mechanism. This militates against substantive public participation. The main objective of this paper is to examine the challenges to public participation in Nigeria. One of the suggestions of this paper is that conscious and concerted efforts must be made by the government in the form of an implementable policy framework to eliminate or reduce to the barest minimum the hindrances to political processes in Nigeria.