

Ethnic Diversity and Public Policies in Nigeria

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ABSTRACT Ethnic diversity, the albatross of many nations, has caused conflicts and wars all over the world. It has hindered the sustainable development of the culture of peace and equity in Nigeria. The objective of this article is to demonstrate the various public measures instituted to cope with the problem of ethnic diversity, and their effects. To achieve this objective, the article after an introduction deals with the conceptual framework, treats the theories of ethnic conflicts. A chronological view of the ethnic struggles and conflicts in Nigeria, policy measures to deal with the problem of ethnic diversity and their implications for nation building are treated. Finally, panaceas for the reduction of the problem of Nigerian ethnic diversity were treated.