

Analysis of Factors Precipitating Witchcraft Accusation among the Tiv

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ABSTRACT The aim of the paper is to analyze the sociological factors precipitating witchcraft accusation among the Tiv people of Nigeria. The paper adopts case study as a research design while focus group discussion and key informant interview methods are used for data collection. It is discovered that scramble for power and domination plays a major role in witchcraft allegations. However, the other factors also contribute to witchcraft accusations. It is recommended that effective and efficient ways of identifying witches should include use of orthodox method of swearing *swem*, divination and consultation with elders who are perceived to be endowed with supernatural powers and powerful men of the Christian God.