



Political Function and Behavior

Nigeria

How Powerful is Nigeria?



Nigeria Cleavages

- **Ethnic Grouping: Over 250 groups. Hausa and Fulani 29%; Yoruba 21%; Igbo (Ibo) 18%; Ijaw 10%; Kanuri 4%; Ibibio 4%; Tiv 3%**
- **Languages: English (Official); Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo**
- **Religions: Muslim 50%; Christian 40%; Indigenous 10%**
- **Population: 181,562,056**

Policy Challenges

- ▶ **Nigeria is currently experiencing its longest period of civilian rule**
- ▶ **However, it is still facing failures of governance, corruption, the authority of constitutional rule, and terrorism with Boko Haram**
- ▶ **Northern and Southern beliefs of rule and religion have separated the country**
- ▶ **Southern regions are experiencing a surge of wealth with the poor becoming poorer.**



Policy Challenges

- ▶ **Nigeria is still trying to provide basic human needs like education, potable water, reliable transportation, and communications**
- ▶ **People of Nigeria in some cities have been forced to make houses within the trash dumps of major cities**
- ▶ **While watching this video, What role does the government hold to improve Nigeria? Identify their successes and failures.**



Nigeria and Corruption





Political Formation and Implementation

- ▶ **Nigeria's fiscal system in 1960 depended greatly on taxes from international trade**
- ▶ **Under the Gowon administration state governments collected personal income, sales, and poll taxes. This faded away with the creation of new states since there was no institution in place to handle this**
- ▶ **Along with oil exporting Nigeria depends on revenue from one industry**



Political Formation and Implementation

- ▶ **This single system has let its authoritarian military regimes to pay for social programs without the tax burden of its people. Which in turn keeps the peace**
- ▶ **On the negative side some states have been lazy to create their own revenue for their specific needs because of government programs and subsidies in terms of social programs**
- ▶ **Recently some states have started to generate their own base income to improve their personal standing**
- ▶ **Because of the oil industry Nigeria has been able to avoid foreign aid unlike many other African nations**

Nigeria's Booming Economy





Political Formation and Implementation

- ▶ **In spite of the country's raw material advantage and lack of need of foreign aid, the lives of Nigerian people have not improved in recent years**
- ▶ **(Find chart on HDI, Human Development Index of 6 countries + USA)**



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- ▶ **Nigeria's performance in health has been mediocre at best**
- ▶ **Even though infant mortality has decreased nearly 1/5 of all children die before reaching the age of 5.**
- ▶ **The government has poured more resources in health however the sharp increase of population along with the factors of inefficiency have deemed their attempts insufficient**

Stealing Oil



Political Culture

- ▶ **Political culture is extremely heterogeneous and complex**
- ▶ **The combination of western values along with traditional values have made it difficult to please or unify everybody**
- ▶ **Religious separation between Muslims and Christians especially in the North with Sharia law has made unifying the law code hard too**
- ▶ **The major ethnic groups of Nigeria; Hausa-Fulani, Ibgo (Ibo), and Yoruba bring specific needs to the government**



Political Socialization

- ▶ **Using the Cornell method read and create notes based on pages 647-650 Political Socialization. Be sure to identify the four agents of socialization**