

YOUTH RESTIVENESS IMPLICATIONS FOR ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE NATION BUILDING IN NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

The study sought to find out the factors associated with increasing incidences of youth restiveness in South Eastern States of Nigeria and its implications on nation building in Nigeria. The design of the study was a survey. The population of the study is made up of all the youths in South Eastern States of Nigeria. Purposive random sampling technique was adopted in selecting 300 respondents across the area of the study. Gender bias was controlled. Questionnaire instrument was used to collect data. Data were analysed using frequencies and percentages. The findings of the study revealed the causative factors of youth restiveness, its influences on nation building, measures put in place by Nigerian government to reduce this devastating social trend, role of education sector in stemming youth restiveness, how the youths' potentials can be channeled at effective nation building and obstacles against the control of youth restiveness. It was recommended on the basis of the findings of the study that: there is urgent need for economic empowerment of the youth through extensive job creation, schools should step up efforts in providing moral instruction and counselling services in order to equip the youth with fundamental ethical values against perpetrating anti-social behaviour of violence inimical to effective nation building among others.

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