

E-GOVERNANCE, POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND THE NIGERIAN YOUTH: EXPLORING THE NEXUS AND DEPTH

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ABSTRACT

Citizen participation in decision-making brings about sense of belonging and effective service delivery. It can be arguably said that Nigeria runs exclusive governance that basically alienates the vast majority of the populace from the processes of policy formulation, implementation and monitoring. The youth constitute the critical mass of this segment. This essay, therefore, seeks to examine how the Nigerian Youth have been able to explore the opportunities provided by the social media/ICTs to meaningfully engage the government on issues that affect them. Attempt will be made to identify factors that may inhibit maximal use of the potential offered by these new technologies.

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