

Report of Youth and Life Style in My Country, Nigeria

Nigeria is a great country with a population of more than 120,000,000 people. The people are friendly and cultural, talented and hard working.

Youth in the country have not been given the adequate attention they need for the development of our country. Because of bad leadership in this country Nigeria is a very resourceful nation but lacks sincere and honest leaders. Leaders in Nigeria seek power and wealth for selfish interests.

Our democratic government was established seven years ago and is struggling to stand on its feet. This task is proving impossible because of highly corrupt officials in the government. Another election is approaching in less than 6 months, where there will be a transition of government, which the poor citizens believe may bring a better leadership.

There is wide spread of unemployment, high cost of living, under nutrition, exploitation, human trafficking, child labor and abuse, internet fraud, and thugery. There are so many unthinkable evils that Nigerian youth engage in for survival.

I stood up against these ills, not because I am somebody in the society, but because I believe with my dreams I can make a difference, with the help of God Almighty. With the right people in place I believe that Nigeria can be great again. If we can change ills in our selves, societies can change too.

Many youths are unemployed, and the ones that are employed, earn peanuts as a monthly salary. In my own case, I work with a courier firm and I earn less than fifty dollars monthly. The salary cannot afford any thing for me, but I have no option. I have a dream and that is why I enrolled in a college course. However, the money is not there but I am trying and believing that by God's grace he will see me through. These are problems people in the Nigerian society face every day, we all believe it is normal and we have no choice but to accept it.

So many non governmental organizations (NGOs) have done a lot to assist, but to not to gain because of their lack of commitment. Some of them set up a NGO for their own survival. I don't intend to do this because I want to make money, but because I want to bring back the dignity of people in question in our society and educate them of their rights. The first major thing is that they must fully accept God. We are not rising against canal people, but strong and powerful men in our society who do not want citizens to understand the real truth. They use the people as political thugs and body guards while their own children are abroad studying. These are things I want to make known to Nigerians, so that they can stand up to join in making government policies and participate in making policies that affect their lives.

I engage in so many public interactive forums and make sure to make my views heard. However, I have observed that the people have lost faith in the government. They don't want to engage in the policy making because they don't trust the people in charge. They are getting it all wrong! There will be a time when you may not be able to act, but there is no time you can not speak out for injustice. Injustice to one is injustice to all.

I have written to United Nations in Nigeria for support to create a youth movement under the United Nations. However, for three months now, there's no reply from them so I just do the best I can and keep on searching for those who share the same dream with me.

I will leave you to read and digest the contents as requested and get back to me as soon as possible for all of your members. Thanks and may god guide all our wishes and strength. I await your response, thanks.

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