

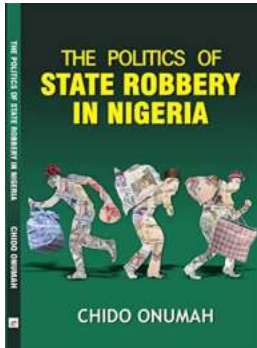
# The Shocking Politics Behind State Robbery in Nigeria - Unveiling the Corruption Web

Nigeria, acclaimed as the "Giant of Africa," is unfortunately not immune to the pervasive issue of corruption. One of the most despicable forms of corruption plaguing the nation is state robbery. This article dives deep into the dark realms of the politics behind state robbery in Nigeria, exposing the intricate web of corruption that perpetuates this crime.



**State robbery refers to the systematic looting of public funds and resources by those in power, at the expense of the Nigerian people. It encompasses a wide range of illegal activities, such as**

embezzlement, money laundering, misappropriation of funds, and bribery. The political class, primarily comprised of influential politicians, government officials, and their cronies, orchestrates this grand heist.



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### Why Does State Robbery Occur?

The roots of state robbery in Nigeria trace back to a combination of systemic and cultural factors. Rampant corruption, weak governance structures, lack of transparency, and inadequate accountability mechanisms create fertile ground for this criminal activity. Additionally, the "get-rich-quick" mindset prevalent among politicians nurtures a culture of greed, leading to acts of state robbery.

### The Politics Behind State Robbery

State robbery is intricately linked to the political landscape in Nigeria. In this section, we unravel the various political factors that contribute to this crime:

#### 1. Electoral Fraud

Elections in Nigeria often suffer from electoral fraud, with politicians resorting to rigging, voter intimidation, and ballot box tampering. Corrupt politicians secure their positions of power through these unfair practices, allowing them to freely engage in state robbery without fear of reprisal.

## 2. Nepotism and Patronage

The appointment of relatives, close friends, and party loyalists to key government positions perpetuates state robbery. In the pursuit of personal gain, politicians allocate lucrative contracts and government resources to their cronies, siphoning off public funds in the process.

## 3. Impunity

Impunity, or the exemption from punishment, is a significant enabling factor for state robbery in Nigeria. The lack of swift and thorough prosecution allows corrupt politicians to continue their illicit activities unabated. The political elite often manipulate the legal system, shielding themselves from any consequences.



**Despite the grim reality surrounding state robbery in Nigeria, there is hope for change. Various initiatives and strategies are being employed to combat state robbery:**

### **1. Strengthening Anti-Corruption Agencies**

Investing in the capacity-building of anti-corruption agencies, such as the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), is essential. These agencies need adequate resources, training, and independence to effectively investigate and prosecute corrupt individuals.

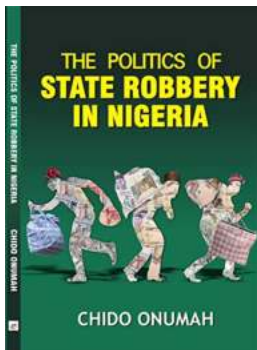
### **2. Promoting Transparency and Accountability**

Establishing robust systems for financial accountability, ensuring public access to information, and encouraging transparency in government activities are crucial. Implementing measures like the Single Treasury Account helps prevent haemorrhaging of public funds and discourages state robbery.

### **3. Championing Civic Engagement**

The active participation of citizens in holding politicians accountable is vital. Educating the public about their rights, encouraging civic initiatives, and fostering a culture of active citizenship can help break the cycle of state robbery. By demanding transparency and electing leaders of integrity, Nigerians can work toward a corruption-free nation.

The politics of state robbery in Nigeria remains a grave concern for the nation's progress and development. By understanding the complex web of corruption that enables this crime, and by taking collective action, there is hope for a brighter future. Nigerian citizens have the power to dismantle the politics of state robbery and create a nation governed by transparency, accountability, and integrity.



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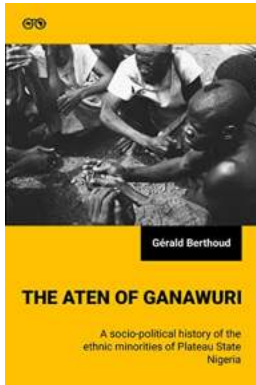
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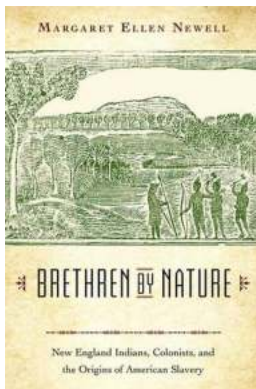


Akpabio's law provides that as ex-governor, he and his deputy will receive pensions equivalent to 100% of annual basic salaries of the incumbent governor and deputy, one house not below 5-bed maisonette in either Abuja or Akwa Ibom for the former governor and 500% annual basic for the deputy for accommodation. For transportation, he and his deputy will get one car and one utility car every four years. –The Politics of State Robbery in Nigeria A good citizen of the primordial public gives out and asks for nothing in return; a lucky citizen of the civic public gains from the civic public but enjoys escaping giving anything in return whenever he can. But such a lucky man would not be a good man were he to channel all his lucky gains to his private purse. He will only continue to be a good man if he channels part of the largesse from the civic public to the primordial public. That is the logic of the dialectics. The unwritten law of the dialectics is that it is legitimate to rob the civic public in order to strengthen the primordial public.–Peter Ekeh (Colonialism and the Two Publics in Africa: A Theoretical Statement)



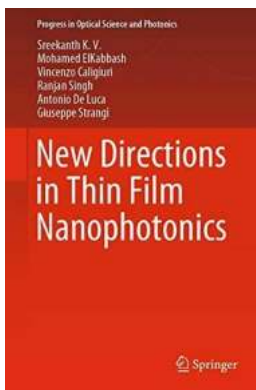
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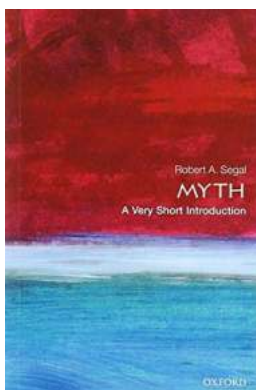
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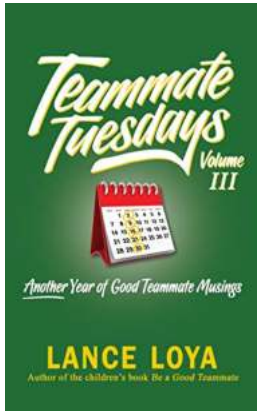
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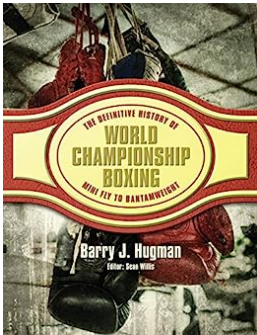
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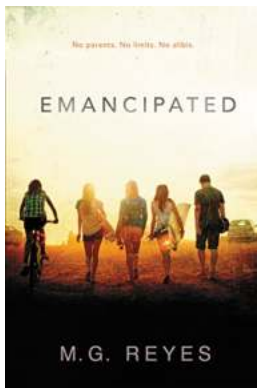
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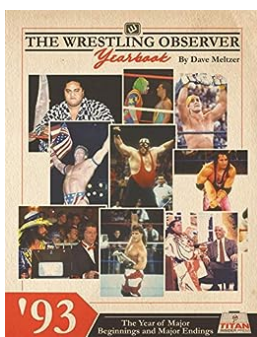
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