

**RELEVANCE OF ROTATIONAL PRESIDENCY IN A DEMOCRATIC SETTING: A
CASE STUDY OF NIGERIA.**

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Abstract

The major aims of this research work are to explore and describe “The relevance of rotational presidency in a democratic setting,” and Nigeria as a sovereign State was used as a case study. Historical analysis was used in the research. The theory of conflict perspective by Karl Marx was used as a theoretical Framework to draw the road map on the genesis, rationale and quest for power struggle and dominance in our contemporary societies. While Nigeria’s theory of federal character principle was used as empirical Framework was used to highlight and create enabling political plain and measures to submerge the conflict perspective towards ensuring equity and equal opportunity to all Nigeria citizens in public service and National Government. Some of findings of this research showed that rotational presidency is the most preferred for fair treatment in any democratic setting. Recommendations were made among which is that Nigeria government should provide constitutional models (standard) upon which the electoral umpire should draw their guidelines in working out national scheme which every eligible party shall uphold without refusal in Nigeria.

Keywords: Relevance, Rotational Presidency, Africa, Democracy.

Introduction

Background to the Study:

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This stem from the fact that she is facing a big challenge of national leadership question in a global view, owing to her inability to uphold the principle of rotational presidency among six geopolitical zones of the country viz: South East, South, South West, North west and north

central, rotational presidency would have been a lasting solution to the war of getting power at the centre.

Again, the more worrisome blunder is that the quest to get power at the centre has resulted to political instability, unusual frequent change of government between civilian and military government, despite the fact that she had attained fifty-five (65) years old as an independent state in west African, since 1960.

More so, the neglect and untrue practice of the principle of rotational presidency in Nigeria has numerous undisputable consequences in global view such as: agitation for power, Military coup detat, Issue of secession among others.

This research work shall be giving deliberate analysis on the relevance of rotational presidency in a democratic setting and it's sustainability in Nigeria political system through its entrenchment in Nigeria constitution and electoral act, to promote ethnological representation and the feelings of belonging, since it is the only leadership by rotation that will grant all section or ethnic group to participate in the leadership of Nigeria at the central government.

Again the concept of rotational presidency will be extensively discussed in this work in relation to some scholar's view. To submerge the ethnic political ideology and create rooms for leadership competence, viable political stability, peaceful democratic atmosphere, unity, progress and co-operative existence of Nigeria as a sovereign State.

In this research also, the theory of conflict perspective by karl Marx will be highlighted to draw the road map on the genesis, rationale and quest for power struggle and dominance in our contemporary societies. While Nigeria's theory of federal character principle will be highlighted to actually create enabling political plain and measures to submerge the conflict perspective towards ensuring equity and equal opportunity to all Nigeria citizens in public service and National Government.

This research will also offer analyses on the powerful argument about rotational presidency in Nigeria democratic setting and the pragmatic authenticity of rotational presidency principle in Nigeria in relation to the views of different Scholars.

Again, the empirical survey on the national debate of August 16th and 24th 1995 Drafting constitution for rotational for rotational presidency and democratic principle in Nigeria, shall be made to determine the opinion of different geopolitical zones and the view of both the advocates and antagonists of rotational prudency in Nigeria.

Statement of the problem

The pluralistic and sharply divided societies all over the world attempt to manage their diversities and divisive tendencies through one or combination of alternative policies in the organization and management of their public services and power sharing for better or best performances, equitable and more than 250 ethnic group is not in exception. Therefore, rotational presidency in Nigeria political system and democratic structure is the only policy which if

properly, carefully conceived, and use will serve as a panacea for submerge ethnological power domination and marginalization but provides an ample opportunity for entre-seeking and centre-feeling forces to ensure peacefully and co-habit on agreed teams of unity in diversities which has been the “National leadership questions” in Nigeria.

But contrary to the view of “Rotational presidency” Nigeria’s case has turn out to be delicate and mere expression of Joke, for of the fact that the accusation of “Power domination at the centre or national Government by the North ethnic group in Nigeria remained obvious, tracing the historical background of head of state and presidents from 1960 till date. These combinations of accusations and allegations arising from these questions constitute the problems that this research work is aiming to answer and solve at the end.

purpose of the study

This research work aims at achieving the following purpose:

Explore the relevance of rational presidency in Nigeria democratic setting.

Explore/Identifies the causes of political instability.

Predict the consequences for neglect and untrue practice of the principle of rational presidency in Nigeria Government.

Suggest policies to consolidate unity in diversity and prevent national problems in Nigeria.

Significant of the study:

Findings of this research would be of help to Nigeria in no small measure to overcome the said “national leadership questions” that are ravaging Nigeria image and global view.

The research will promote equal participation by all geopolitical zones of Nigeria in National Government.

It will also promote unity in diversity and oneness in Nigeria, as this will give ample opportunity for minority groups of this country to enjoy the slot at the national Government.

Equally, it will go a long way to promote the principle of Federal character, that enable all regions, states, Local Government to have equal representations at the national Government and public service.

Scope of the Study

This research work shall be strictly restricted to investigate “The Relevance of Rotational presidency in Nigeria democratic setting” coupled with such an issue that relates to effectiveness or reality of the rotations of national leadership in Nigeria from onwards.

This study is concerned mostly on the power rotation/sharing of national leadership or political power as regards to Nigeria presidents across different ethnic groups (or new arrangement) viz: Southeast. South-South, south Wes, North East, North West and North Central that constituted Nigeria as a sovereign entity.

Research Questions:

This study asks the following questions:

1. What are the relevance of rotational presidency in Nigeria democratic setting?
2. What are the causes of political instability, unusual change of government cum total democratic failure in Nigeria?
3. Are the consequences for neglect and untrue practice of the principle of rotational presidency in Nigeria government?
4. What are the measures/policies alternative to consolidate unity in diversity and submerge or prevent national problems in Nigeria?

Research Hypothesis:

The researcher directionally and statistical indicates that there are/is significant difference and relationship between two variables under study. This research shall hypothesize that:

1. Rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy will create rooms for national integration, equal representation, political stability and peaceful co-existence.
2. Northern hegemony, ethnic and religion politics, unrestrained power by some ethnic group and absence of constitutional approval are the hindrance of rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research method shall be presented under the following:

1. Research Design
2. Area of the study
3. Population of the study
4. Sample and sampling techniques.
5. instrument/procedure for data collection
6. Validation of the instrument
7. Reliability of the instrument
8. Method of data collection
9. Method of data analyses.

Research Design

The evaluated survey research design will be adopted in the study.

According to human (2017) evaluative design provides and ample opportunity for questionnaire or interview and analyses of data to produce a judgment concerning the merit, worthy, shortcomings of a programme or study. Therefore, this design is aim at making decisions about

the values, shortcomings, worthy and success or solution to the relevance of rotational presidency in Nigeria democratic setting.

Area of Study

The area of study is Nigeria; Nigeria got her independence in 1960 and republic in 1963 from British colonial masters, she is one of the populated nations in African. She is made up of over (250) ethnic group with diverse language, socio-cultural affiliations and aspirations.

Nigeria has an area of 923,768.005q km. and lies between latitude 4 and 14 East North of equator and longitude of 30 and 14 East of the green which meridian. It is within a tropical region. Nigeria has boundaries with Cameroon by North - East and Lake Chad by north-east which extended to Niger republic that touches northern part of Cameroon. On the south it is bound by Atlantic Ocean.

Nigeria has three (3) major ethnic groups viz. Igbo's, Hausa's, Yoruba's and three (3) region viz. Christian Islamic and traditional religion. Nigeria is heterogeneous in nature, Igbo's generally occupies eastern, Hausa northern, Yoruba Western part of Nigeria. Generally, the major occupations of Nigerians are trades, farming, and civil servants.

Currently Nigeria has six geopolitical Zone viz. South-East, South-South, South-West, North-East, North-West and North central.

Therefore; this study cut across the various ethnic groups or six geopolitical zones that made up Nigeria by which power of presidency should be rotated within the country.

Population of the Study

The population of this study will comprise the public servants, leaders of thoughts, women organizations, professional associations human right associations/politicians, students of tertiary institutions from each six geopolitical zones of Nigeria viz. south- east, south-south, south-west, northeast] north-west, north-central.

According to data from Nigeria dependency ratio demographic and social statistics UN statistics division of 2015, states that, Nigeria has the population of seventeen million eight hundred and eights four thousand, one hundred twenty-three point five (17884123.5 of 1.94%). This population is got from 36 states FCT that made up Nigeria which is the area of this study. Because of the vastness, time frame and other constraints that involves, the researcher has selected five states from each geopolitical zone that made of 30 states to participate while twenty respondents were stratified selected from each zone that made up of 120 respondents drawn from total population (17884123.5), through stratified random sampling techniques.

The population distribution of each geopolitical zone; states in each zone, state participated in each zone and number of respondents from each zone is shown in the table 1 below.

Table 1: Population of the six geopolitical zone states in each zone, numbers of states the participated from each zone and numbers of respondents from each zone.

Six	Total	Total	N0:	of	Number	of	Number of target
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Geopolitical Zone	Population	State each Zones in	Respondents from each Zone	Respondent from each Zone
South-East	1437445.626	5	5	20
South-South	2069921.702	6	5	20
South-West	2980687.25	6	5	20
North-East	1724934.752	7	5	20
North-Central	7187228.132	6	5	20
North-West	17884125.5	6	5	20%
Total	17884123.5	36 State	30 State	120% Respondents

Sources: Nigeria dependency ratio demographical social statistics united nation's statistics division. July, 2015.

Sample and Sampling Techniques

The sample of one thousand, two hundred (1200) respondents is drawn from rotational population of this study (17884123.5 Nigeria population).

Instrument/Procedure for Data Collection

In collection of data, the researcher will make use of questionnaire, direct observation and personal interview with 200 respondents from each zone that make up the sample of 120 drawn from total population of Nigeria. More so, secondary data like textbooks, political bulletins, journals editorials, articles, newspaper and magazine were also employed to give reliable survey of this study in Nigeria democratic setting. Similarly, the questionnaire has four options formula scale rate for -rating the information from the respondents while 100% will stand as total percentage of each question, below is the description of the assessment.

Research Instrument: Relevance of rotational presidency in Nigeria democratic setting (RRPNDS).

Section A: Background information.

Institution: Please supply the answer in the space provided below.

Sex.....
 Geopolitical Zone.....
 State of origin.....
 L.G.A of origin.....
 Status.....
 Contact address.....
 Nationality.....
 Religion.....

Section A: Assessment of relevance of rotational presidency in Nigeria democratic setting by respondents.

Instruction: Please tick appropriate using the four optional scale of SA, A, D, SD in the box provided.

Formula is Topic + Resooneses

SA, A, D, SD=12%

Where Topic Problem under investigation

Response =Reliable information from respondents.

SA - strongly agree

D = Disagree

SD strongly disagree

100% = Total percentage of the Respondents.

Validation of the Instrument

The research hypothesis, questions, purpose, and draft copies of the questionnaire will be submitted to experts, in the field of social science and measurement and evaluation for validation. These experts examined the items, in the of it's content relevance, in terms of clarity as well as to ascertain if the items were related to the objectives of the study.

Appendix

Research Questionnaire on Relevance of rotational presidency in Nigeria democratic setting (RRPNDS).

Section A: Background information.

Institution: Please supply the answer in the space provided below.

Sex.....

Geopolitical Zone.....

State of origin.....

L.G.A of origin.....

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 SA - strongly agree
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 SD strongly disagree
 100% = Total percentage of the Respondents.

PRESENTATION, ANALYSIS AND SUMMARY OF DATA

Introduction

The data collected for this study were statically analyses and presented in this chapter. Frequency and percentage table were used for the presentation. Each table contains information on the response to the research questions and hypothesis that guides the study.

Summated rating scale were in measuring the data or stand points of the respondents in the table.

Hypothesis One

Rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy will create room for national integration, equal representation, political stability and peaceful co-existence.

S/N	ITEMS STATEMENT	SA	A	D	SD	TOTAL
1	Will rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy create room for national integration?	60 50%	20 16.7%	15 12.5%	25 20.8%	120 100%
2	Can rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy create room for equal representation?	65 54.1%	20 16.7%	15 12.5%	20 16.7%	120 100%
3	Will rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy create room for political stability?	55 45.8%	35 29.2%	10 8.3%	20 16.7%	120 100%
4	Can rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy create room for peaceful co-existence?	60 50%	15 12.5%	25 20.8%	20 16.7%	120 100%

Source: Field Survey 2015. Carried out by Igbojiofor A.1

In item one of table 1. It shows that 66.7% the respondent believed that rotational presidency in Nigeria will creates room for national integration. While 33.3% of the respondents had different opinion.

In item two of table 1, it shows that 70.8% of the respondent accepted that rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy will create room for equal representation while 29.2% of the respondents disagree to it.

In item three of table 1, it indicates that 75% of the respondents maintained that rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy will create room for political stability while 25% of the respondents had different view.

In item four of table 1, it is notice that 62.5% of the respondents opines that rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy will create room for peaceful-co-existence while 37.5% of the respondents disagree to it.

Hypothesis 11:

The hindrance of rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy are northern hegemony ethnic and religious politics, unrestrained quest for power by some ethnic group and absence of constitutional approval.

Table 11:

The hindrance of rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy are northern hegemony, ethnic and religion politics, unrestrained quest for power by some ethnic group and absence of constitutional approval.

S/N	ITEMS STATEMENT	SA	A	D	SD	TOTAL
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1	Is ethnic and religious politics one of the hindrance of rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy	60 50%	20 16.7%	15 12.5%	25 20.8%	120 100%
2	Does absence of constitutional approval one of the hindrances of rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy	55 45.8%	30 25.1%	25 20.8%	10 8.3%	120 100%
3	Is northern hegemony, one of the hindrances of rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy?	50 41.7%	40 33.3%	15 12.5%	15 12.5%	120 100%
4	Does unrestrained quest for power by some ethnic group one of the hindrance of rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy	40 33.3%	30 25.1%	20 16.7%	30 25.1%	120 100%

Source: Field Survey 2015.

In item one of table 11. It show a that 66.7% of the respondents agree that ethnic and religious policies is one of the hindrances of rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy while 33.3% disagree to it.

In item two of table 11, it shows that 70.9% of the respondents accepted that absence of constitutional approval is one of the hindrances of rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy while 29.1% of the respondent had different opinion about it.

In item three of table 11, it is discovered that 75% of the respondent maintained that northern hegemony is one hindrances of rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy while 25% of the respondents opposed the view.

In item four of table 11, it is shows that 58.4% of the respondents agree that unrestrained quest for power by some ethnic, is one of the hindrances of rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy while 41.8% of the respondents disagree to it.

Research Question One

What are relevance of rotational presidency in Nigeria democratic setting?

Table 1

What are the relevance of rotational presidency in Nigeria democratic setting?

S/N	ITEMS STATEMENT	SA	A	D	SD	TOTAL
1	Political stability and liberal democracy are the relevance of rotational presidency in Nigeria democratic setting	60 50%	20 16.7%	25 20.8%	15 12.5%	120 100%
2	Consolidating of unity in diversity and sense of belonging are the relevance of rotational presidency in Nigeria democratic setting	55 45.8%	20 16.7%	20 16.7%	25 20.8%	120 100%
3	Equitable ethnological representation is one of the relevance of rotational presidency in Nigeria democratic setting/	50 41.7%	40 33.3%	10 8.3%	20 16.7%	120 100%
4	Progress, co-operative existence and mutual understanding are the relevance that rotational presidency will promotes in Nigeria democratic setting	40 33.3%	25 20.8%	30 25.7%	25 20.8%	120 100%

Source: Field Survey 2015. Carried out by Igbojiofor A.1

In item one of table 1. It indicates that 66.7% of the respondents agree that rotational presidency will promote political stability and liberal democracy. Nigeria democratic setting while 33.3% of the respondents disagree to it.

In item two of table 1, it shows that 62.5% of the respondents accepted that rotational presidency will promote/consolidate in diversity and sense of belonging in Nigeria while 37.5% of the respondents had different new.

In item three of table 11. It is discover that 75% of the respondents maintained that rotational presidency will ensure equitable ethnological representation in Nigerian democratic setting while 25% of the respondents opposed the motion.

In item four of table 1, it shows that 54.1% of the respondent agree that rotational presidency in Nigeria will promotes progress, co-operation existence and mutual understanding in Nigeria democratic setting while 46.5% of the respondent had different opinion.

Research Question Two

What are the causes of political instability unusual change of government cum total democratic failure in Nigeria.

Table 2

What are the causes of political instability, unusual change of government cum total democratic failure in Nigeria.

S/N	ITEMS STATEMENT	SA	A	D	SD	TOTAL
1	Inability to uphold the true principle of rotational presidency among six geopolitical	60	15	20	25	120

	zones of Nigeria is one of the causes of political instability, unusual change of government. Cum total democratic failure in Nigeria	50%	12.5%	16.7%	20.8%	100%
2	The quest of get power at the national government at all cost by a section of ethnic group in Nigeria is one of the causes political instability, unusual change of government cum to total democratic failure in Nigeria.	55	20	15	10	120
		45.8%	16.7%	12.5%	8.3%	100%
3	Inter-segmental imbalance of power sharing in the structure of Nigeria federalism and federal character principle is one of the causes of political inability, unusual change cum total democratic failure in Nigeria	60	20	25	15	120
		50%	16.7%	20.8%	12.5%	100%
4	The ideology of born to rule syndrome by northern in pursuit of their hegemonic legacy and egocentricity over southern is one of the causes of political insatiably, unusual change of government cum total democratic failure in Nigeria	50	20	30	20	120
		4.7%	16.7%	25.1%	16.7%	100%

Source: Field Survey 2015. Carried out by Igbojiofor Ahamefula I.

In item one of table 2. Its shows that 62.5% of the respondents agree that inability to uphold the true principle of rotational presidency among six geopolitical zones of Nigeria is one

of the causes of political instability, unusual change of government cum total democracy failure in Nigeria while 37.5% disagree on the view.

In item two of table 2, it is discover that 79.1% of the respondents maintained that the quest to get power at the national government at all cost by section of ethnic group is Nigeria is one of the causes of political stability, unusual change of government cum total of democratic failure in Nigeria while 20.8% disagree.

In item three of table 2, it shows that 66.7% of the respondents believe that inter-segmental imbalance of power sharing in the structure of Nigeria federalism and federal character principle is one of the causes of political instability unusual change of government cum total democratic failure in Nigeria while 33.3% of the respondents had different opinion.

In item four of the table 2. It is discovered that 54.1% of the respondent maintained that the ideology of born of rule syndrome by northern in pursuit of their hegemonic legacy and egocentricity over southern is one of the causes of political instability, unusual change of government cum total democratic failure in Nigeria while 46.5% of the respondent had different opinion.

Research Question Three

What are the consequences for neglect and untrue practice of the principle of rotational presidency in Nigeria government?

Table 3

What are the consequences for neglect and untrue practice of the principle of rotational presidency in Nigeria government.

S/N	ITEMS STATEMENT	SA	A	D	SD	TOTAL
1	The neglect and untrue practice of the principle of rotational presidency in Nigeria will lead to perpetual domination and to total democratic failure	55 45.8%	25 20.8%	20 16.7%	20 16.7%	120 100%
2	The neglect and untrue practice of rotational presidency will result to ethnic marginalization in Nigeria	60 50%	15 12.5%	30 25.1%	15 12.5%	120 100%
3	The neglect and untrue practice of rotational presidency will lead to agitation of rights or power among diverse ethnic group in Nigeria	50 45.7%	40 33.3%	10 8.3%	20 16.7%	120 100%
4	The neglect and untrue practice of principle of rotational presidency in Nigeria will result to insecurity, rancor, disintegration and war.	60 50%	15 12.5%	20 16.7%	25 20.8%	120 100%

Source: Field Survey 2015. Carried out by Igbojiofor A.1

In item one of table 3. It is shows that 66.6% of the respondents agree that the neglect and untrue practice of rotational presidency will leads to perpetual domination and total democratic failure in Nigeria while 33.4% of the respondents disagree to the view.

In item two of table 3, it is discover that 62/5% of the respondents opines that the neglect and untrue practice of rotational presidency will lead to ethnic marginalization in Nigeria while 37.5% had different opinion.

In item three of table 3, it is notice that 75% of the respondents maintained that the neglect and untrue practice of rotational presidency will result to agitation of rights or power among diverse ethnic group in Nigeria while 25% of the respondents disagree to it.

In item four of table 3, it is shows that 62.5% of the respondents agree that the neglect and untrue practice of rotational presidency in Nigeria will lead to insecurity, rancor, disintegration and war while 37.5% disagreed.

Research Question Four:

What are the measures/policies alternative to consolidate unity in diversity and submerge or prevent national problems in Nigeria.

Table 4

What are the measures or practice alternative to consolidate unity in diversity and submerge or prevent national problem in Nigeria.

S/N	ITEMS STATEMENT	SA	A	D	SD	TOTAL
1	The adoption, entrenchment into constitution and electoral act and true practice of rotational presidency principle is one the measures or policies alternative to consolidate unity in diversity and submerge or prevent national problem in Nigeria political system.	60 50%	15 12.5%	20 16.7%	25 20.8%	120 100%
2	Strict adherence on Nigeria's principle of federal character in power sharing and public service in Nigeria is one of the measures or	55	25	15	30	120

	policies alternative to consolidate unity in diversity and submerge or prevent national problem in Nigeria.	45.8%	20.8%	12.5%	25.1%	100%
3	Accepting principle of rotational presidency as the only contract that super side other issue for equity, justice and fair play for all Nigerians is one of the measures or police alternative to consolidate unity in diversity and submerge or prevent national problem in Nigeria	50 41.7%	40 33.3%	10 8.3%	20 16.7%	120 100%
4	Avoidance of egocentric cum ethnic politics that does not promote the quest for Nigeria unit is one of the measures or policies alternative to consolidate unity in diversity and submerge or prevent national problem n Nigeria	40 33.3%	35 29.2%	20 16.7%	25 20.8%	120 100%

Source: Field Survey 2015. Carried out by Igbojiofor A.1

In item one of table 4. It is shows that 62.5% of the respondents agree that the adoption, entrenchment into constitution and electoral act the true principle rotational presidency is one of the measures or policies alternative to consolidate unity in diversity and submerge to prevent national problem in Nigeria while 37.5% is disagree to it.

In item two of table 4, it is shows that 66.6% of the respondents concord that strict adherence of Nigeria's principle of federal character is power sharing and public service in Nigeria is one of the measures or policies alternative top consolidate unity in diversity and submerge or prevent national problem in Nigeria while 37.6% had different opinion.

In item three of table 4, it is notice that 75% of the respondents believe that accepting principle of rotational presidency as the only contract that super side other issue for equity, justice and fair play for all Nigerians is one of the measures or policies alternative to consolidate unity in diversity and submerge or prevent national problem in Nigeria. While 25% disagreed.

In item four of table 4, it is shows that 62.5% of the respondents agree that avoidance of egocentric cum ethnic politics that does not promote the quest for Nigeria unity is one the measures of policies alternative to consolidate unity in diversity and submerge or prevent national problem in Nigeria while 37.5% of the respondents disagree to it.

Summary of Findings

In chapter four, the data collected for the study were statistically analyzed and presented in this chapter.

Frequency and percentage table were used for presentation. Each table contains information on the responses to the research questions and hypothesis that guide the study. Summated rating scales were used in measuring the data or stand points of the respondents in the table, for the study two hypothesis and four research question that were adopted.

Base on the findings, greater numbers of respondents under hypothesis agree that rotational presidency in Nigeria democratic will create room for national integration, equal representation, political stability and peaceful co-existence while lesser respondents had different opinion about that. In hypothesis two also greater numbers believe that the hindrance of rotational presidency in Nigeria democracy are northern hegemony, ethnic and religious politics, unrestrained quest for power by some ethnic group and absence of constitutional approval while few respondents had different view about it.

Furthermore, in research question, the number of respondents that maintained that political stability, liberal democracy unity, sense of belonging, equitable representation and mutual understanding about relevance of rotational presidency in Nigeria are greater than those respondent who opposed the motion. In table 2 of respondents agree that the cause of political instability unusual change of government and total democratic in Nigeria are inability to uphold the true principle of rotational presidency among zones, quest to get power at all cost, inter-segmental imbalance and born to rule syndrome by northern are more than those respondents who had different opinion.

In table 3, great numbers of the respondents believe that the consequences for neglect and untrue practice of the principle of rotational presidency in Nigeria government are perpetual domination, democratic failure ethnic marginalization, agitation of power and rights insecurity, rancor, disintegration and war. Whiled those respondent that had different opinion are lesser in number.

In table 4, great numbers of the respondents agree that adoption, entrenchment into constitution and electoral act and true rotation, struck adherence, and avoidance of ethnic politics remain the measures or policies alternative to submerge or prevent national problem in Nigeria. With the above findings it is now obvious that rotational presidency has significant relationship or relevance's in Nigeria democratic setting. It also finds that rotational presidency has not gainful realities in Nigeria and it not a threat to Nigeria democracy or government rather it is the utmost panacea to imbed the tenets of democracy that is anchored on equity, fair play and fair compromise for unity in diversity and mutual understanding in Nigeria.

Discussion, Conclusion, Recommendations and Summary of Finding

Discussion: In fact, a lot of things were found out during the research.

It was gathered that rotational presidency is very relevant for political stability, equal representation and peaceful co-existence and unity in Nigeria democratic setting. Again, it were also discovered that causes of political instability, unusual change of government and total democratic failure in Nigeria are inability to uphold the true principle of rotational presidency among the six geological zone of Nigeria, the quest to get power at the national government at all cost, inter-segmental imbalance of power sharing in the structure of Nigeria federalism, and born to rule syndrome. It was also gathered that, the neglect and untrue practice of rotational presidency will lead to perpetual domination, insecurity, rancor, disintegration and war. It equally admitted that adoptions and entrenchment into constitution and electoral act, strict adherence of rotational presidency and federal character in power sharing and avoidance of ethnic politics will be the measures or policy alternative to consolidate unity in diversity and submerge or prevent national problem in Nigeria.

Moreso, it were gathered that northern hegemony, dominance, discrimination and marginalization over other section of the country are the threat to rotational presidency in Nigeria democratic setting while the principle of national presidency is a panacea for weaken ethnicity, tribalism and monopolization in Nigeria.

Conclusion

From the research findings the following conclusions were draw.

Rotational presidency is very relevant for political stability, stable democracy justice, fair play and co-operative existence and mutual understanding among all Nigeria. Unrestrained to power

by northern are the threat to democracy in Nigeria. The principle of rotational presidency has not fully realistic in practices. It also conclude base on the analysis that political stability, liberal democracy, unity in diversity, ethnic/equal representation, sense of belonging, co-operation, are what rotation of presidency position will achieve as a relevance of adopted in Nigeria. Again, quest to get power at all cost, absence of constitutional approval, inter-segmental imbalance and instability to up-hold true principle of rotational presidency are the major causes of political instability and unusual change of government. Equally, neglect and untrue practice of the principle of rotational presidency in Nigeria government will leads to perpetual domination and total democratic failure.

Recommendations

To bridge the gap between rotational presidency and Nigeria democratic setting as two variables the following recommendation should be adopted and used. Nigeria government should provide constitutional models (standard, status quo or modusoperandi) upon which the INEC should draw their guidelines in working out national scheme which every eligible party shall uphold without refusal in Nigeria. Rotational presidency should be made compulsory for national leadership, state and local government in general election, every electorate should be mandated to vote for a candidates of his/her choice from consensus zone that will produce president. South east and other geopolitical zone that have not produced a president of vice presidency after military regime from 1999 till date should be constitutionally allowed to produce a president from 2019. Nigeria constitution should categorically state the compulsory zoning formula. Rotational presidency should be permanent feature of Nigeria as federal character principle. Nigeria should stop corruption and ethnic politics. All hand should be on deck to maintain Nigeria solidarity and tene of unity in diversity by preaching for peace in Nigeria. Nigeira should

take political game either winning or losing with the spirit of sportsmanship at all level irrespective of one's personal. Ethnic interest or aspirations.

Summary of the Findings

Greater number of respondents believe that rotational principle has much relevance, and has not attain the level of realities and it is not a threat to democracy in Nigeria setting, since if adopted and practicalised the above recommendations, it will build formidable, stable and enduring political atmosphere cum democratic tenets that is anchored on fair play justice, fair compromise of unity in diversity that is devoid of fear of domination, marginalization, discrimination, rancor, turmoil, and gerrymandering of any form.

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