

BETWEEN PROFESSIONALISM AND PATRIOTISM
Critically Confronting The Contemporary Brain-Drain-Drift (Bdd) In Nigeria

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Executive Summary

Migration has been a human enterprise necessitated by the desire for a better condition be it of service and or for survival. In our contemporary era amidst global influences and challenges, movement of professionals in different walks of life has been of serious concern to the chagrin of the respect and love for the fatherland. Indeed there is need for cross-breeding of ideas and exchange of programs among professionals with an underlying fact of doing so often for patriotic reasons. Professionalism and patriotism are two sides of the socio-economic cum educational coin of any nation in need of cohesive as well as functional-national development. Nigerian case is ever different as most of our professionals lack the natural patriotism with regard to the beneficiary-missionary nature of their profession to their nation. Hence, in Nigeria, professionalism that is divorced of patriotism has been sacrificed at the altar of just mere pecuniary selfishness.

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Introduction

Migration seems to be an operative human necessity. Nations today depend increasingly on professional knowledge, ideas and skills for development. The impact of creative and skilled professionals can not be under estimated but unfortunately, there is a lot of concern about the outflow of skilled professionals from the developing (and in our own case, Nigeria to be precise) to the developed world (WHO, 2006). In Nigeria, the rate of migration is alarming with many reasons behind the massive brain drain drift and lack of love and service to one's nation, it's consequences to the nation and the best approaches to eradicate it in Nigeria.

No country can go far in development and progress without patriotism which is the love for ones country. Nigeria is the giant of Africa but one of the poorest country in technological advancement and development. One can now root our main problem as Nigerians to severe lack of patriotism as well as bad leadership and corruption that cause it. Nigerians are suffering and the unpatriotic leaders do not care about them. Imagine a doctor working as a banker and a banker ending up as a business man as well as many graduates without job and meaningful means of livelihood. There's no work insurance for the trained and skilled professionals which has in turn made them to lose interest in loving and serving the country. There are millions of unemployed graduates with no hope of employment. This is the major reason that makes them to look elsewhere that will be favourable. This trending loss of human resources in conjunction with human capital development has drastic effects on the country.

Moreover, high inflation of the prices of goods and services, no job opportunities, no security for lives and properties, bad leadership, corruption and embezzlement of public funds which has drastic effects on the nation. Recently different forms of scarcity general goods and untimely change of our currency adds to people's predicament and untold hardships. This has

simply resulted in *brain drain drift*. Brain drain happens when skilled professionals from a country (mostly poor and developing countries) migrate into other countries (mostly richer and developed countries) to practice their profession and benefit themselves and those countries economically. Adesote and Osunkoya (2018) reported that over the last 30 years, Nigeria has increasingly lost highly skilled workers to developed countries.

Appreciation of the concept of Professionalism

Every profession speaks volume of human enterprise for the good of humanity. Professionalism, therefore, is always at the service of humanity. An Online Cambridge Dictionary defines Professionalism as the qualities connected with trained and skilled people. That is professionalism is the combination of all the qualities that are connected with trained and skilled people. It is the competence or skill expected of a professional. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines professionalism as "the conduct, aims, or qualities that characterize or mark a profession or a professional person"; and it defines a profession as "a calling requiring specialized knowledge and often long and intensive academic preparation." Professionalism is a skilful conduct that goes beyond what an average or ordinary person would have done or behave as such in a more formal manner. Professionalism has to do with professional values. Onebunne, J. I. in one of his interviews with Barrister Dr. Mrs. Augusta Asimonye, Director, *Teaching Practise Unit Magazine of Federal College of Education (Technical)*, Umuze, Anambra State, Nigeria, commented on this professional values thus: professional values are principles and beliefs that have strong influence on occupational behaviour, commonly shared among members of specific group as workers. Professional Values border on the extension of personal values such as honesty, discipline, common sense, expertise, integrity, fear of God and other strong work ethics thereby creating a professional image as such. Against professional values is professional crisis, (Onebunne, 2022).

Understanding Patriotism

According to Wikipedia, The English word 'Patriot' derived from "Compatriot," in the 1590s, from Middle French "Patriote" in the 15th century. The French word's "Compatriote" and "Patriote" originated directly from Late Latin Patriota "fellow-countryman" in the 6th century. From Greek Patriotes "fellow countryman," from Patrios "of one's fathers," Patris "fatherland." The term Patriot was "applied to barbarians who were perceived to be either uncivilized or primitive who had only a common Patris or fatherland." The original European meaning of Patriots applied to anyone who was a fellow countryman originated from that country regardless of the social-economic status.

Patriotism is simply love for the fatherland. In lexical parlance, patriotism is the quality of being patriotic; devotion to and vigorous support for one's country. It is the sacrifice one makes one's nation or country. Patriotism is often related to nationalism and may be reduced negatively to ethnic-ism and *tribalism* as well as *town-ism* and *familism*. Patriotism is the feeling of love, devotion, and sense of attachment to one's country. This attachment can be a combination of many different feelings, language relating to one's own homeland, including ethnic, cultural, political or historical aspects. Often there is this idea with regard to false or excess of patriotism as many take pride in their national identity, national religion like the Theocracy of the Israelite and political culture. Hence, in the book *The Patriot*, published by Samuel Johnson in 1774, there is this famous statement that "Patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel. However there is this fear for the excesses of patriotism in the defence of a nation

which is called chauvinism or fundamentalism, another related term is jingoism as well as other forms of patriotic movements.

Patriotism nevertheless gives us the idea of compatriot-ism or rightly put, compatriot. Compatriot like colleague is the co-citizen or national of a country. It is a person born, residing, or holding citizenship in the same country as another. Compatriot is synonymous with all forms of fellow citizen, landsman, national, townsman, kinsman, a close relation at any level of geo-relationship. There is yet this nuance of differences between Patriot and compatriot thus: a compatriot is a person that has the same citizenship with you, sharing same country with you, while a patriot means someone with notable love for his country. The word compatriot is often used to suggest an automatic sense of friendship. Great nations are always in need of patriots and compatriots.

Patriotism in the long run is the undying love for the fatherland. However, there are those even though they live beyond the shores of their fatherland or country, they remain very patriotic. Patriotism is very much possible within and outside any country and Nigeria to be precise. This is the idea behind bilateral exchange program between Nigeria and many willing countries. An Igbo adage has it that *dike na-agba agu na asaa na mmiri na asaa, wee chuta akunuba, nata wee zaa 'aku rue ulo'*. (A strong man passes through seven deserts and seven rivers to bring-back-home wealth and then be able to answer *when wealth gets home*). People must go out to learn other people's way of life or culture and otherwise but never to the detriment of losing focus of their fatherland knowing full well that *East or West, home is the best*. The people in this regard are simply patriotic professionals, the *aku rue ulo*'s. Mention must be made of many patriotic professionals who made a whooping donation. Dr. Philip Ozuah, a Nigerian doctor based in New York, United States, has generously donated of one million US Dollars to his *alma mater*, the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan hostel project. Innocent Odoh in an on-line source of 21/10/22 commented thus that "It was a joyous mood at the Board Room of the College of Medicine, University of Ibadan, on Monday August 1, when the Keynote Speaker and Fund raiser Dr. Philip O. Ozuah, a 1980 Alumnus announced his donation of One Million US Dollars. Ozuah, a Professor of Paediatrics, President and Chief Executive Officer of Montefiore Medicine, USA, gave the donation to serve as a catalyst for the construction of an ultra- modern student hostel estimated to cost about *two billion and five hundred million naira*. He joined other Alumni and Friends of the College of Medicine, who also made their own contributions". Another encouraging side of Patriotic Professionalism has to do with an organized institutions and groups that take into account their fatherland. Years back few Jewish nationals started Zionism. Other movements like Communism, African Brotherhood, fascism and racism, socialism and semitism

Appreciation of Brain Drain Drift (BDD)

The concept of Brain-Drain-Drift is as a result of current craze to work abroad where life seems to offer better chances and greener opportunities. *Ejiro afufu anya isi*. Nobody boasts with suffering. Nevertheless, east or west home is the best remains a truism. Any effort in the direction of fixing the nation in distressing, most probably collapsing before us worth it. Brain-Drain-Drift in this context spells a disaster for such a nation. The question is: where is the expected love for the fatherland. One of the Eric Donaldson's lyrics ***Land of My Birth*** beautifully captured it thus:

Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, aah, aah, aah
This is the land of my birth; I say this is the land of my birth.
I say this is Jamaica, my Jamaica, the land of my birth.

I will never leave her shores, I will never run away.
I will always believe in the black, the green, the gold I say.
All nations greater of all the trials, we must face the test of time, that our people they are strong and we going to get along.
For some people say we poor, but the progress you make my friend is not always how rich you are.

I say this is the land of my birth; I say this is the land of my birth.
I say this is Jamaica, my Jamaica, the land of my birth.

Let us stop for a minute, count our blessings one by one.
We should never be disloyal, but stand up and keep strong.
My Jamaica is a beautiful island, she is the crown of the Caribbean sea and our people they are free, no oppression here to see.
With the prettiest women there be. and the hills, and the plains and the rivers and the valleys always make on the beach.

I say this is the land of my birth; I say this is the land of my birth.
I say this is Jamaica, my Jamaica, the land of my birth.
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, aah, aah, aah

Ms tourist, Mr. tourist, leave your land and come.
Tarry here for a while, and I will bathe in the warm warm sun.
We will share a lot with you. our people they are true, they will want to be with you.
They will love, they will help, they will give, if you wish my friend you can live.
You will be a happier one in the land of the rising sun.

I say this is the land of my birth; I say this is the land of my birth.
I say this is Jamaica, my Jamaica, the land of my birth.

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I say this is Jamaica, my Jamaica, the land of my birth.

This beautiful lyrics by Eric Donaldson appreciates in no mean terms the land of his birth. Its always the fatherland. An Igbo proverb has it that *ka be onye adina, o ga-anariri!* One must not forget home. The fatherland is like the root as long as it's the land of ones birth. No tree stands without the root.

Therefore, Brain-Drain-Drift explains an ugly situation of losing our good brains to oversea mission and for greener pasture. In this dreadful episode of Brain-Drain-Drift, our good brains run out of us or are emptied into other place by drifting into or settling for oversea mission, all for personal financial aggrandizement. It's not Brain-Drain-Drift if it is on a bilateral rewarding agreement. Many professions are on this cruise for national development. Most of these are civic martyrs who have made supreme sacrifices for the nation-building and for the existence

of the fatherland. Think of the Military men and women. What of the Police Force? Where are other professions?

White-man's Risk into Africa

Migration remains the borderline behind the idea of professionalism and patriotism. Why do people leave the comfort of their fatherland to another one? Definitely migration happens on a deliberate decision of professionalism and patriotism. Which ever way. People migrate for reasons. However, the exploration and colonization of Africa witnessed Professional white-men and women who came and spent their life for Africans. Many of them were missionaries who defied reason and risked their lives to mosquitoes and dangerous and harsh environment of Africa to civilize and humanize many of our barbaric lifestyles. Most of the white-men's professionals came to Africa just to salvage the continent. Nevertheless, along the line the beautiful natural resources and abundant human resources enticed many leading to exploitation and later colonialism after partitioning Africa Nations without their consent. History however attests to other reasons for the white-man's interference into African Nations. Their persistence to stay and the recent happenings with regard to *coup d'états* in most of the Africa Nations have shown that the colonial masters in Africa should *hands off* in line with Papal directives and allow Africans to manage their natural resources.

Historical Excursus of Contemporary Brain Drain Drift in Nigeria

Historical Brain Drain Drift in Nigeria started with the exploration that turned into expedition in Nigeria. Coming to Africa exposed the White-man to the abundant natural and even human resources in Nigeria. The next in their moves was to exploit Africa rather than develop Africa as such. They started with slavery, Colonialism and Neo-colonialism which continued in Capital Flight and sustained in the craze for Over Sea Job that has made our professionals lose the commonest sense of the love for the fatherland and sacrifice everything to love of good life. Travelling overseas is not bad nor is it condemnable or punishable. No doubt, there is this strong feeling in a number of Nigerians want to flee the country. However, this Nigeria-abroad brain-drain-drift trend which started sometime in the early 80's which is now on the crescendo in the eight years.

Many Nigerians are travelling overseas for education. Those that can afford it are leaving Nigeria to study overseas. Even those that cannot afford it are securing scholarship and when they get admission to study they can also work and pay some of their fees. This contemporary mad rush is worrisome. But it is not every Nigerian that has a genuine reason to travel out. Many people believe they would be more successful if they leave the shores not knowing that all that glitters are not gold. Many therefore play many tricks and in the end many are stranded over there year in , year out in trying to expand source of income, search for better job opportunities, Education, upgrade their career, economic gain of running away from hardship, Healthcare, Security of lives and property-that may not leave the country, making their kids citizens so that they cannot suffer, all fine and well. Many travelling have forgotten that uneasy lies the head that wears the crown as well as the fact that *nothing is free even in free town*. Many equally travel out of ignorance and poor info. There are so many opportunities in Nigeria, adding that, it is unfortunate that, most Nigerians just fled the country only to go to the overseas and risk their own lives there. Often it like from frying pan to fire, Even though some make it but never on the platter of gold if you see any gold-plate. *Ucheonye adiya njo. Uche bu akpa onye nyara nkeya, O na-anyiya*. Many who left with these intentions end up

loosing their families to the oversea culture, The other side of the story is that many of their children may not come back to their fatherland as they continue to celebrate citizenship as if it's a whole-world-wide achievement in their country of residence. The cardinal areas of the starting and ongoing Brain Drain Drift in Nigeria are: Migration, Slavery, Colonialism & Decolonialism, Neo-colonization of African Nations, African Coup d'état on the Increase and Naija Gerontocratic Kakistocracy.

Migration

Migration as we already know is the movement of people from one geographical location to another due to some reasons like insecurity as we are experiencing in some regions in Africa; for greener pastures and so many other reasons. Migration, again, is as old as the world for even in the Scriptures, Abram was told by God to leave his town to another place unknown to him where He (GOD) will show him (Gen. 12: 1-9). People migrate on daily basis and this can be temporary, permanent or seasonal movement. Onebunne (2019) observes in the chequered history of humanity, migration is a complex issue that has always been an integral part of human existence. Historically, in Africa, a number of socio-economic, political, cultural as well as historical and linguistic ties, geographical and environmental factors have often coalesced to exert pressure on people, causing them to migrate. Heightened activities of terrorists, violent extremists and radicalised groups in most African countries have equally contributed to increased and widespread forced displacement and drifting of persons, in search of basic safety and security, thereby, leading to a dislodgement of African philosophies of peaceful co-existence, negotiation, communalism, and the sustenance of historical facts of and about African. The National Geographic Expedition (2015) maintains that migration is the movement of people from one geographical location to another to settle either permanently or semi-permanently: Migration (human) is the movement of people from one place in the world to another for the purpose of taking up permanent or semi-permanent residence, usually across a political boundary. An example of "semi-permanent residence" would be the seasonal movements of migrant farm labourers. People can either choose to move ("voluntary migration") or be forced to move ("involuntary migration"). Migrations have occurred throughout human history, beginning with the movements of the first human groups from their origins in East Africa to their current location in the world (para. 1)

Summarily, Onebunne (2019) maintains that from the time of slave trade where many Africans were forcefully uprooted from the African soil and taken to European countries to serve as slaves to the era of colonization and even the modern neo-colonial period in Africa where the European ideologies and philosophies have combined to overthrow African religion, culture, leadership system, beliefs, norms and values, migration whether voluntarily or forcefully has never stopped occurring. Heightened activities of terrorist attacks, high unemployment rates and low infrastructural development, religious and political extremists in most African countries have equally contributed to increase the widespread forced displacement and drifting of persons, in search of safety and security and an improved standard of living, thereby, leading to a dislodgement of African philosophies of peaceful co-existence, negotiation, communalism, and the sustenance of historical facts of and about African. The contemporary bastardization of this African philosophical ideology being demonstrated in the spirit of communalism, consciencism, *igwebuike*, *EBUB* and *Ubuntu* as well as *ibwanyidanda* and belongingness has driven many Africans especially the youths to European and other western countries and has placed them in uncertainty of whether to return or remain in diaspora where they now feel loved and a sense of belonging. (Onebunne, 2019). It is therefore pertinent to advocate a revisit of these African philosophies that have helped Africans together from time immemorial and

improve the standard of living in African countries so that those who have lost hope in African can return to rebuild Africa's fallen walls of peace, love, unity and oneness. Such philosophy will definitely define the limits of Colonial master's persistent interest in African Nations often leading to migration than more than due and necessary.

Slavery

Slavery is as old as when selected few of human kind feel superior over others. This idea of subjugating others and show them a form of superiority chanced slavery in its crudest practices. Wikipedia (n.d.) maintains that slavery is the ownership of a person as property, especially in regards to their labour. Slavery typically involves compulsory work with the slave's location of work and residence dictated by the party that holds them in bondage. Enslavement is the placement of a person into slavery. Slaves are therefore inferior human beings considered as property acquired for personal aggrandizement by superior human beings. The acquisition is by done by way of trading in cash or by barter. The oldest human culture of African Origin and biblical history attest to existence of slaves and the odious practise. The exploration of African that ended in exploitation of African boosted the human business. Slavery therefore is the saddest event in human history, especially in Africa's Chronicles of event. The most painful aspect is that slavery was justified even by the Christian Europe to the extent that in Britain there was a reprint of Slave Bible, a version King James Version in 1611.

In human history, the permissibility slavery remains a disdainful practice in many cultures and religions around the world. The involvement of the Church and the message of salvation for all mankind made it more susceptible to the ,message of Christianity amidst the thriving market of slavery. The world has seen the rise and fall many civilizations and empire. The world historical chronology was split into two with AD (*Anno Domini*) and BC (Before Christ) with Christ at the centre of this great historical event. In the pagan Roman empire Great Cesaer as mini-god, practice of slavery abound and there was only one citizenship, the Roman citizens and other known world as Barbarians, Christianity was *religio illicita* until 313AD when Emperor Constantine made Christianity a legal religion, her teachings on virtues of charity and justices began to have impact on the Emperor and the Roman state laws and policies. Slavery as one of the national evils of Roman Empire started to dwindle in practise and otherwise. The Church, however, were not immune for this lucrative act of slavery. Wikipedia (n.d.) noted that Many Catholics were into this act especially when it has to do with non-members. Some papal Bulls were used to justify slavery until the debate on the morality of slavery took over hence a good number of popes did issue papal bulls condemning "unjust" enslavement ("just" enslavement was still accepted as a form of punishment), (Wikipedia, n.d.).

The Idea of Just enslavement didn't last long as on 22 December 1741, Pope Benedict XIV promulgated the papal bull *Immensa Pastorum Principis* against the enslavement of the indigenous peoples of the Americas and other countries. And Pope Gregory XVI in his bull *In Supremo apostolatus* (issued in 1839) also condemned slavery as contrary to human dignity. However there were few ugly development as some papal documents were against this decision. There were a conspicuous silence by the Church's during the years of slavery even though at some point in time the Church's Stand was firm and uncompromising. Slavery amongst Church members and their hierarchy was a great wound that refused to be healed. Butsh, J. (2003) informed us that by the 1800s, the Church reached relative consensus in favour of condemning chattel slavery and praising its abolition. However in 1995, Pope John Paul II, in *Evangelium Vitae* repeated the condemnation of "infamies", including slavery, issued by the Second Vatican Council thus: "Thirty years later, taking up the words of the Council and with the same

forcefulness I repeat that condemnation in the name of the whole Church, certain that I am interpreting the genuine sentiment of every upright conscience". (EV). Other documents of the Church like the Catechism of the Catholic Church and *Corpus Iuris Canonici* were vocal in the condemnation of slavery. Many Church fathers were entangled in this practice with versions of mere justification from the old and new testaments of the Scriptures record of slaves.

Panzer, J. S. (n.d.) asserts that when did the Catholic Church condemn slavery? According to some notable figures, the Church did not finally condemn slavery until recently...1890 that the Church condemned the institution of slavery, lagging behind laws enacted to outlaw the practice. He and others argue that slavery is one of the areas in which the Church has changed its moral teaching to suit the times, and that the time for this change did not come until near the end of the last century. Theologian Laennec Hurbon may be cited as representing a belief among many authors that no Pope before 1890 condemned slavery when he stated that, ". . . one can search in vain through the interventions of the Holy See—those of Pius V, Urban VIII and Benedict XIV—for any condemnation of the actual principle of slavery." Author John F. Maxwell wrote in his 1975 work on slavery that the Church did not correct its teaching on the moral legitimacy of slavery until 1965, with the publication, from the Second Vatican Council, of *Gaudium et Spes* (The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World).

Continuing, Panzer, J. S. (n.d.) maintains that the historical papal teachings against unjust servitude and the slave trade was upheld and were presented to the Christian faithful for their adherence even though some tried to put forth strong arguments in favour of the institution of slavery such as Bishop John England of Charleston, who believed it to be among the accepted practices of the early Church in these words: "The right of the master, the duty of the slave, the lawfulness of continuing the relations, and the benevolence of religion in mitigating the sufferings ... are the results exhibited by our view of the laws and facts during the first four centuries of Christianity." Nevertheless, in the light of *Humanae Vitae* of Pope Paul VI, and *Veritatis Splendor* and *Evangelium Vitae* of John Paul II, can we not hope that the shepherds of the Church will not fall into the same mistakes of their predecessors? (Panzer, n.d.)

Moreover, Brigit Katz (2019) is of the opinion that "a typical Protestant edition of the Bible contains 66 books, a Roman Catholic version has 73 books and an Eastern Orthodox translation contains 78 books," the museum says in a statement. "By comparison, the astoundingly reduced Slave Bible contains only parts of 14 books." Wikipedia (n.d.) mentioned that the name of the bible for Slave as: Select Parts of the Holy Bible for the use of the Negro Slaves in the British West-India Islands. Often it was referred as a slave bible. This special version of the Bible is an abbreviated version of specifically made for teaching a pro-slavery version of Christian family of the Slave Masters in the British West Indies. This bible was produced in 1807 from the Kings James version in 1611. Accordingly, Wikipedia (n.d.) noted that Slave Bible had all "references to freedom and escape from slavery" excised, while passages encouraging obedience and submission were emphasized. It was really unchristian that bible was misused as an instrument in perpetuating the inhuman practise of slavery. The slave bible and other public prayers were composed to make the slaves very loyal to their slave masters. And the British Missionaries such materials in the education and conversion of the enslaved population Wikipedia (n.d.) confirmed.

Stark, R. (2003) expressed his view that Some Catholic writers claim that it was not until 1890 that the Roman Catholic Church repudiated slavery. A British priest has charged that this did not occur until 1965. For him it was sheer Nonsense! And ridiculous. He, authoritatively asserts that, "as early as the seventh century, Saint Bathilde (wife of King Clovis II) became famous for her campaign to stop slave-trading and free all slaves; in 851 Saint Anskar began his efforts

to halt the Viking slave trade. That the Church willingly baptised slaves was claimed as proof that they had souls, and soon both kings and bishops—including William the Conqueror (1027-1087) and Saints Wulfstan (1009-1095) and Anselm (1033-1109)—forbade the enslavement of Christians.” Continuing Stark, R. reiterated and maintained that except for small settlements of Jews, and the Vikings in the north, *everyone* was at least nominally a Christian, that effectively abolished slavery in medieval Europe, except at the southern and eastern interfaces with Islam where both sides enslaved one another's prisoners. But even this was sometimes condemned: in the tenth century, bishops in Venice did public penance for past involvement in the Moorish slave trade and sought to prevent all Venetians from involvement in slavery. Then, in the thirteenth century, Saint Thomas Aquinas deduced that slavery was a sin, and a series of popes upheld his position, beginning in 1435 and culminating in three major pronouncements against slavery by Pope Paul III in 1537.(Stark, 2003). In time of Aquinas slavery was not necessarily a serious issues as many papal and magisterial teachings of the Church have dealt boldly with it. Stark (2003), however, gave very little attention to the subject *per se*, paying more attention to serfdom, which he held to be repugnant, Aquinas placed slavery in opposition to natural law, deducing that all "rational creatures" are entitled to justice. Hence he found no natural basis for the enslavement of one person rather than another, "thus removing any possible justification for slavery based on race or religion." Right reason, not coercion, is the moral basis of authority, for "one man is not by nature ordained to another as an end." Aquinas however distinguished two forms of "subjection" or authority, just and unjust. The former exists when leaders work for the advantage and benefit of their subjects. The unjust form of subjection "is that of slavery, in which the ruler manages the subject for his own [the ruler's] advantage." Based on the immense authority vested in Aquinas by the Church, the official view came to be that slavery is sinful. (Stark, 2003).

Under the Pains of Colonialism and Decolonialism

They came with exploration that turned into exploitation via slavery. When slavery lost its lucrative appreciation they came with colonization. Years of colonization saw lots of stolen legacies from Africa. Onebunne (2023) reminded us that Africa has been an unfortunate continent. Unlike other continents that were discovered and explored, the exploration of Continental African nations nevertheless turned into exploitation: from *slavery* to *colonization* unto *neo-colonization* through *capital flight-open market* and *indebtedness* to either Europe and or one of the Asian dragons. However, the colonization that was meant to develop African Nation States left them truncated leading to many challenges like African predicaments amidst geopolitics of her underdevelopment. A Philosophy of colonization justified the imperial maritime invasion and exploitation of continental Africa. Hence, the need for a more humane philosophy and or humanistic discipline, and that is the thrust of an African Philosophy of Decolonization *in stricto sensu*. As an applied critical enterprise, it is the statutory *deAfricanization* of *europaeized* Africa as well as the cloned Africa while pruning the overly dependent African nations from their colonial branches. Onebunne (2023) Colonialism remains an imperialism. As an imperial policy, colonialism was meant to initiate an imperial movement as colonization. Colonization is a global phenomenon and remains an imperial movement. Imperialism is a system of government whereby a strong country forcefully or knavishly takes the wealth and raw materials from another country. Furthermore, the Online Oxford Dictionary explains that, Colonialism is broader in that it refers to entire countries rather than an area and adding the economic exploitation factor. It is a global attempt. Colonialism therefore remains a historical and ongoing global project where settlers continue to occupy land, dictate social, political, and economic systems, and exploit Indigenous people and their resources (Onebunne, 2023).

African predicaments nevertheless started with the white-man's interference in her civilization with the odious principle of colonialism rather than developmentalism. After colonialism comes post-colonialism with consequent decolonialism as no evil does last. A mere and chanced knowledge of How Europe Underdeveloped Africa demands an immediate renewed policy of De-colonialism and Decolonization of African Nations. Decolonization presumes and presupposes colonization. Colonization happened and continues in many fashions as neo-colonialism amidst other vagaries of man's inhumanity to mankind. Western democracy at its best for other countries remains colonization. On-line *Oxford Languages* defines decolonization as "the action or process of a state withdrawing from a former colony, leaving it independent". Continuing, it maintains, is the process of freeing an institution, sphere of activity, etc. from the cultural or social effects of colonization". Decolonization was gradual and peaceful for some British colonies largely settled by expatriates but violent for others, where native rebellions. Augustyn Adam (ed) in *Encyclopaedia Britannica* defines as decolonization "process by which colonies become independent of the colonizing country. Decolonization was gradual and peaceful for some British colonies largely settled by expatriates but violent for others, where native rebellions were energized by nationalism. After World War II, European countries generally lacked the wealth and political support necessary to suppress faraway revolts; they also faced opposition from the new superpowers, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, both of which had taken positions against colonialism". Decolonization is a movement against the colonial project as nations struggle to regain access to their borders haphazardly drawn and possession for their indigenous realities like land, natural and human resources. Decolonization, therefore, is a humane human project. Belfi, E. & Sandiford, N. (2021) maintains that "Decolonization is work that belongs to all of us, everywhere. It asks us to think about our relationship with Indigenous lands that colonizers have unjustly claimed, re-defined and re-purposed all over the world. It asks us to embrace responsibility as opposed to accepting fault. Lastly, decolonization is a path forward to creating systems which are just and equitable, addressing inequality through education, dialogue, communication, and action". Decolonization as a movement is about "cultural, psychological, and economic freedom" for Indigenous people with the goal of achieving Indigenous sovereignty -the right and ability of Indigenous people to practice self-determination over their land, cultures, and political and economic systems. Colonization has happened leaving African nations with woes of underdevelopment but decolonization is our responsibility. Till date as many African countries are still crying for decolonization amidst emergence of Post-colonialism, Pope Benedict XV shouted Hands-off Africa- a de-colonial outcry from the World!

This is the most eloquent directive and effective Papal phrase as well as a book title which remains the most proper clarion call for the Decolonization of Africa. Pope Francis's recent visit to the Democratic Republic of Congo, pillaged of her rubber as well as ivory, has focused world attention on a forgotten genocide in a region long exploited ruthlessly by western imperial and colonial powers since 16th century and devastated by the consequences of senseless and endless wars amidst capital flight. The colonial masters has simply over stayed in Congo. "Hands off the Democratic Republic of the Congo! Hands off Africa!" Pope Francis told the cheering crowd on arrival. Continuing, he stressed that "we cannot grow accustomed to the bloodshed that has marked this country for decades, causing millions of deaths that remain mostly unknown elsewhere. What is happening here needs to be known.". Pope Francis sparked global conversations on the first day of his visit to DRC when he said: "Hands off Africa! Stop choking Africa; it is not a mine to be exploited or a land to be plundered. May Africa be the protagonist of its own destiny."

Neo-colonization of African Nations

This is new trend of Western evil on Africa. Even with the wave of decolonization, neo-colonialism tries to thrive. Why? Continental Africa was ever beautifully in her entire *human, physical and natural geography*. She was so much blessed with vast natural and intimidating human resources. Her beauty then attracted the colonial masters leading to their so called expedition and exploration. However, the beauty of Africa radiates even more now. Prof PLO Lumumba recognizing this eternal beauty of Africa (in his *You-tube Foundation Channel* Prof. PLO Lumumba in *Why Is Africa So Attractive*. Dec. 3, 2019. RUFORUM 15th AGM, Ghana 2019) emphasized thus “Africa remains attractive throughout the ages. She has been attractive to the Portuguese, Arabs, Chinese, Japanese...Africa is attractive again, hence, every year the named nations invite Africa States for a conference in their best cities to see how they are going to partner with her for her best interests and benefits. African has been very attractive to them. The beauty of Africa lies in these numerous invitations from super powers presupposing its for the good of Africa”. Initially colonization was thought to be for the good of Africa. Nevertheless, the reasons for European Imperial colonization of African were mainly *economic, political and religious*.

African Coup d’Etat on the Increase

Merriam-Webster. (n.d.) figures out that Coup d’etat is of French origin literally, *stroke of state (the government)*, that is *coup* meaning blow, stroke and *de* meaning of and *état* understood as state. Continuing it defines it as a sudden decisive exercise of force in politics. Coup d’etat is It is a sudden, violent, and unlawful seizure of power from an established and recognized government. It is an abrupt and unexpected overthrowing of an existing government by a small group that perceives some form of unhealthy leadership marred by corruption of a sort. The West always interferes in African democratic dispensation with coups and counter coups when the African leaders wish to be independent of the colonial masters. At the time of writing this paper coup d’etat is on the increase again in African continent with rumours of being masterminded by foreigners as colonial masters. This form of military insurgency in Africa unsettles many professionals and their response will always to flee the country to avoid the juntas leadership with unquestionable decrees. Wikipedia observes that between 2010 and 2023 there are about 54 Coups and Coup Attempts in Africa. Mwai, P. (2023) maintains that in the overall, Africa has experienced more coups than any other continent. Of the 17 coups recorded globally since 2017, all but one - Myanmar in 2021 - have been in Africa.

Ndiloseh (2022) elaborated that there have been nine attempted or successful coup d’etat in Africa since 2020. A stereotypical coup *d’état* involves the most senior members of the military overthrowing the government in a short, but potentially violent, incident that causes mass panic in the population. We witnessed a younger military leaders in the recent coup plot and execution in Africa. Equally there seem to be less violent, and in some cases they have occurred (with popular support) against a background of political stagnation and intense security challenges. However, one notes that it is ironical that in the March 2023 general elections many scores of lives were wasted while the coup d’etat in her neighbouring nations are reported bloodless. The type of foreign involvement in these coups also appear to be changing (but this is more difficult to confirm) (Ndiloseh, 2022). However none of these suggests that coups are becoming more acceptable. Hence, no coup may be considered good but can be justified to an extent. The African Union (AU) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) have both been firm in their responses to coups. International organizations have also condemned these anti-democratic interventions in the political system (Ndiloseh, 2022).

Neocolonialism is the reason for the contemporary insurgence in African Continent. This revolution with the *Coup d’etats* here and there signals something. The sudden outburst of

many African nations especially Francophone Countries being tired of the presence and unholy alliance with the colonial masters is very significant. *Coup d'états* in Mali, Guinea, Burkinafaso and Niger. Niger is one examples of dictatorship-neocolonialism of France rubbing the country blind. African Nations are tired of these broad day robbery. Like Britain France have history of lying and milking and too much dependent on African Nations for mere survival while the nations are bleeding to death and to just breathe. The Niger refusal of pipeline saga via Niger unto US. Russia is now gaining undue access and control into Africa just to make US and France leave African Nations to control their natural resources. What are the France still doing in Niger and other Francophone countries they have long granted independence decades ago. However, Africa is waking up from the deep slumber of many uncomfortable years of pretence with regard to neocolonialism of stealing from Africa.

However, it is ironical that in the March 2023 general elections many scores of lives were wasted while the coup d'état in her neighbouring nations especially Niger had no single blood shed. Hence many see Nigeria March 2023 election as selection that costs more (property and life) than coup d'état costs no wastage of life. Hassan, I. (2023) of the Centre for Democracy and Development noted that, "A total of 109 election-related deaths have been recorded across Nigeria in the build-up to the 2023 general election, a pro-democracy think-tank... Friday. The organisation said its tracker recorded the deaths between 1 January and 10 March" Continuing CDD reiterated and urged the electoral commission to learn from its experiences in the recent presidential election as it conducts Saturday's governorship election across Nigeria. Eromosele, F. (2023) reported that a total of 137 persons were killed, and 57 abducted during the 2023 general elections, a report by the Incident Centre for Election Atrocities, ICEA has shown. The report entitled: "Ethnic Profiling, Hate Speech and Endemic Violence: A Preliminary Post-Election Statement on the 2023 General Elections in Nigeria" obtained by Saturday Vanguard in Abuja, said the most prominent forms of atrocities noted through the electioneering process were the weaponization of voter suppression through violence, hate speech, fake news and ethnic bigotry.

Al Jazeera (2023) highlighted that "an estimated 30,000 people gather in the capital Niamey at a stadium, some draped in Russian flags, as the threat of regional military intervention looms". Al Jazeera with live pictures showing a happy crowd of Nigeriens and commented thus that "Thousands of supporters of a military coup in Niger have gathered at a stadium as a deadline set by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to return deposed President Mohamed Bazoum to power is set to expire. A delegation of members of the now-ruling National Council for the Safeguard of the Homeland (CNSP) arrived at the 30,000-seat stadium in the capital Niamey on Sunday to cheers from supporters, many of whom carried Russian flags and portraits of the military leaders". If they coup irritated the masses, their out burst will show. Egobiambu, E. (2023) coverage showed that "Protesters shouted down with France, down with ECOWAS, a reference to the West African bloc which on Thursday approved deployment of a standby force to restore constitutional order in Niger". These Supporters of Niger's National Council for the Safeguard of the Homeland (CNSP) gather for a demonstration in Niamey on August 11, 2023 near a French airbase in Niger. The natural abhorred military *coup d'états* as instrument of white-men's extension of neo-colonial supremacy are now appreciated in African Nations against Democratic dispensations in many African Nations. Its now clear no one loves Africans more than African. The US and France and all their allies should hands-off Africa.

Naija Gerontocratic Kakistocracy

Nigeria is otherwise referred to as Naija often derogatorily to show difficult times and moments in Nigeria. It equally becomes a slogan or street name for Nigeria. Some online line dictionaries have adopted Naija to mean Nigeria or a Nigerian. The concept is Nigerian and shows off every thing about Nigeria. Nigerian Gerontocracy refers to a type of government marred with weak, de-bile and feeble old people. Such people are already tired as a result of chronological age but pretends to be strong with the slang *retired but not tired*.

Onebunne (2023) notes that Gerontocray originates from the Greek language *gerousia* meaning elder. Elder has the connotation of leadership, social status, merit, and wisdom, other than old age in the ancient civilizations. Wikipedia (n.d.) sees gerontology as the study of the social, cultural, psychological, cognitive and biological aspect of ageing. Gerontocracy was a form of social organization in which a group of old men or a council of elders dominate decisions by exercising some form of control (Webster, 1990, 514). Gerontocracy is the rule by elders or a type of government that associates leadership with elders. The same concept of leadership by elders has been cleverly traced to the Romans, British and the Church Civilizations by historians. Each civilization has a particular meaning to the status of elder. In this case, the age factor is trivial and does not qualify one to be an elder in such cases. It is wisdom, experience, knowledge, and righteousness that graduate one to be considered an elder. The concept of elder ought to connote intelligentsia and wisdom in leadership above the presumptive age dominance. To this extent, gerontocracy has some merits. But in African-Nigeria context, what we have as elders are far below knowledge that guarantees wisdom and intelligentsia. In this context, the African customary and immemorial laws appreciate the elder as one that is rationally associated wisdom, meaning a person with specially attributes such as a thinker in the same.

Kakistocracy is the government of the worst in the midst of the bests and better ones. Kakistocracy according to *Oxford Language On-line Dictionary* is the “government by the least suitable or competent citizens of a state”. Merriam-Webster on-line dictionary equally defines it as “government by the worst people”. Onebunne (2023) reminds us that Kakistocracy, therefore, means a state or society that is governed by the least suitable or incompetent citizens. That is to say categorically that kakistocracy is the government of the worst in the midst of the seeming and comparable best. By all human standard and kind humane evaluation kakistocracy is the rule of the incompetent. Incapable and unqualified citizens of the state. This kind of rule has nothing to do with the idiomatic-fact that *in the country of the blind one eyed man is the king*. Never. Rather, it a type of leadership where the worst choice is purposefully made amongst better options. With the Greek origin, as early as 19th century kakistocracy is the government of *the worst*, the *kakistos*. It is literally a government of the worst people. It is a government by the least suitable. Kakistocray has over the years metamorphosed unto other forms of ill-fated government thereby tilting towards the apartheid, neocracy (government administered by new or untried persons) and Kleptocracy (from Greek *kleptos*, *thief*, is a government whose corrupt leaders (*kleptocrats*). All these form of government used their political power to expropriate the wealth of the people and land they govern, typically by embezzling or misappropriating government. Nevertheless, a look at the Greek political organization will buttress our appreciation of the type of government and the type of people within the state. The human society gives humanity opportunity for meaningful life and meaningful contribution to life. The contribution is meaningful if it borders on human effort (Onebunne, 2023).

Naija Gerontocratic Kakistocracy is the type of governance practised in Nigeria where the Naija people elected and or select their leaders often through democratic selection. Its appalling to note that in this form of government the people are left with a mere option of an old and worst personnel often selected for them in the midst of other vibrant and better *pikins*. *Webster's New World College Dictionary* defines Gerontocracy as a rule of elders; gerontocracy was a form of social organization in which a group of old men or a council of elders dominate decisions by exercising some form of control. (Webster). Democracy has been seen as a government of the people, by the people and for the people. Oxford Dictionary sees it as a system of government that is formed by the whole population eligible members through elected representatives. A system of government characterized by majority rule and gives all citizens the power of voting. Democratic governance fosters transparency, accountability, the rule of law, respect for human rights, civic participation, and civic inclusiveness – all of which are necessary for securing economic productivity, equitable distribution and state legitimacy. This is however different from gerontocracy as the leaders who are to a large extent incapacitated in their discharge of official duties tend to be bias and have power revolve round a selected few. Leadership and governance have been recognized as imperatives for the attainment of any political, social and economic objective of any nation. In Nigeria, contemporary effective administrative leadership styles cannot be discussed in Nigeria without using a known example and historical figure in the current political dispensation using the footprints of Mr. Peter Obi (Former Governor of Anambra State) as a reference point given that he has been popularly referred as an encyclopaedia of good leadership. Onebunne (2023) reiterates that the list of past Nigerian *Presidents* save few former *Heads of States* show litany of old leaders, a form of gerontocracy that has culminated into gerontophobia. The list depicts a display *kakistos*. We must note that old age being a blessing is very specific. In the Igbo socio-political affairs, for example, the eldest in age has a designated position that is sustained and he or she remains in such particular post even as ceremonial head. However, there is a capable youth that seconds him or her to support him officially. However there positions of authority that youthfulness is needed as against old age. One of such positions that demands youthfulness is the Presidency.

African Union (AU): Threat to EU and US

United States of America has come together with come front. European Union champions their front. But the African Union remains a problem for the West. Can African have one President with one strong currency. African development and independence on the West becomes a threat to them. African continent is the second-largest continent in the world with an area of 30.37mkm² with five geographic regions as: North Africa, West Africa, East Africa, Central Africa and South Africa and has other unique geographic features with regard to the Nile River (the longest river in the world), Mount Kilimanjaro, Victoria Falls, Lake Victoria (the largest tropical lake in the world) and the Sahara desert. Africa often refereed by explorers as dark continent is made up of 54 countries with more than 75 languages amidst many cultures and ethnic traditions. History, especially biblical history, attests to Africa's role in salvation history as Jacobs and sons were in Egypt for centuries till the Exodus. Jesus Christ's refuge in Egypt with his parents during the massacre of Herod was very significant. The exploration of Africa gave room to slavery and later colonialism as well as the eventual partitioning of Africa and conquest of Africa by the dawn of 1900 as countries like Britain, France , Germany, Belgium, Spain, Portugal and Italy had the good turns establishing colonial states. However, African countries after years of colonialism and independence formed a union known as Organization of African Unity (OAU) and now African Union (AU). The African Union (AU) is a continental organ with 55 member states that make up the countries of the African Continent.

On 9.9.1999, the Heads of State and Government of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU, 1963-1999) issued the Sirte Declaration calling for the establishment of an African Union. It was officially launched in 2002 as a successor to the Organisation of African Unity (OAU). The OAU, now AU, was the manifestation of the pan-African vision for an Africa that was united, free and in control of its own destiny in response to the aspirations of Africans for brother-hood and solidarity. The guiding philosophy was that of Pan-Africanism which centred on African socialism and promoted by African unity, the communal characteristic and practices of African communities, and a drive to embrace Africa's culture and common heritage. This guiding philosophy ought to affect the needed education that is just African. However, one of the main objectives of the AU was to rid the African continent of the remaining vestiges of colonisation, apartheid of 350 years then in South Africa and recently African post-colonial demeanour as well as the neocolonial agenda unfolding in the land via forms of continued milking and dependency on African Nations who cannot breathe well with their choking presence. AU, therefore, is, in one of the neologisms of Iroegbu (1994), in for her authentic-auto-developmentalization of every Continental African Nations. However the formation of AU at last accounted for the death of Gaddahfi

Review of Mommah Gaddahfi's Plan for AU and His Death

Muammar al-Qaddafi, also spelled Muammar Khadafy, Moammar Gadhafi, or Mu'ammad al-Qadhdhāfi, (1942- 2011), was born in Libya.. He was a *de facto* leader of Libya (1969–2011). Qaddafi ruled for more than four decades and was ousted by a planned revolt by US and allies in which he was captured and killed in October 2011. Britannica (2023) noted that Qaddafi seized control of the government in a military coup d'état that deposed King Idris. Qaddafi was named Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces and chairman of Libya's new governing body, the Revolutionary Command Council. One of the evils of Qaddafi against the West was his removal of the U.S. and British military bases from Libya in 1970. That is, he expelled most members of the native Italian and Jewish communities from Libya that same year, and in 1973 he nationalized all foreign-owned petroleum assets in the country. Through this one but all important move, he planned to liberate Libya for the shackles and oppression of the West. Qaddafi unknowingly signed his death warrant no matter the amount of good governance he gave his people. Qaddafi tried and united Libya with other Arab communities against the divide and rule principle of the West Imperialists. Britannica (2023), however, noted that Qaddafi government financed a broad spectrum of groups worldwide that sought revolutionary objectives of their own, including the Black Panthers and the Nation of Islam in the United States amidst other confronting diplomatic activities with the presumed World powers like the US. There were other sanctions on Qaddafi and Libya by US and UN as a result of some of his stark administrative aberrations and innuendoes. Britannica (2023) noted sharply that "these activities brought him into growing conflict with the U.S. government, and in April 1986 a force of British-based U.S. war planes bombed several sites in Libya, killing or wounding several of his children and narrowly missing Qaddafi himself".

Britannica (2023) equally observed that in February 2009 Qaddafi was elected chairman of the African Union (AU), and later that year he gave his first speech before the UN General Assembly. The lengthy critical speech, in which he threw a copy of the UN Charter, generated a significant measure of controversy within the international community. However, in early 2010 Qaddafi's attempt to remain as chairman of the AU beyond the customary one-year term was met with resistance from several other African countries influenced by their colonial masters' influences and ultimately was denied. All these helped in generating a coerced Libyan revolt in 2011. Britannica (2023) sadly noted that the UN Security Council with NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) and US ended Qaddafi's administration with accusations of

crimes against humanity and Libya in spite of Pro-Qaddafi forces who did everything possible to keep him in power. The truth remains that the severance of relationship between Qaddafi and the West and the empowerment Qaddafi was bringing to his people irked the fears of the West that Libya and entire Africa may rise to their feet against them.

The death of Qaddafi initially pleased Libyans. Years after it was a different ball game. It was after Qaddafi's death that it dawned on the Libyans and Africans that they have lost a figure who actually loved Africa. McKernan, B. (2020) observed that there was a showdown which looms in the fight for the control of Libya as Africa's largest oilfields as the prize. This was in line with Muammar Gaddafi's statement in a message broadcast by a pro-regime television station that "There is a conspiracy to control Libyan oil and to control Libyan land, to colonise Libya once again. This is impossible, impossible. We will fight until the last man and last woman to defend Libya from east to west, north to south." Gaddafi's principal concern was the unity and prosperity of Libya. Wikipedia noted that "under Gaddafi, per capita income in the country rose to more than US\$11,000, the 5th highest in Africa".

Luursema, I. (2023) showed in his paper that in the late 1990s, Muammar Gaddafi of Libya started propagating his vision of a unified Africa. His ideas inspired leaders across the continent, eventually forming the African Union. The AU is believed to boost the spirit of Pan-Africanism. By the 1990s, the Organization of African Unity (OAU), an international organization consisting of nearly all African states, was failing to achieve meaningful results. The OAU had been focusing on realizing political and economic integration among its members, but progress was slow. It was only in 1998, when the leader Muammar Gaddafi stepped forward, that plans to reform the OAU began to materialize. Under his initiative, African unity was firmly put back on the agenda. (Luursema, 2023).

Luursema, I. (2023) noted Gaddafi is known as a controversial figure. His alleged involvement in the bombing of planes and buildings, and his support for organizations classified as terrorist by many nations are a stain on his reputation. It is often overlooked that Gaddafi was also an inspiring leader capable of unifying influential figures under his vision. He defied the world's major powers and stood with marginalized nations and peoples. As a leader, he was beloved by many, and in Africa in particular. Wikipedia (n.d.) is of the opinion that Gaddafi in all standard transformed Libya into a new socialist state called a Jamahiriya ("state of the masses") in 1977. This is in contradistinction from Capitalism of the US. In his utterances, Gaddafi often outlined his plan to create a new united Africa with its own currency, an army to defend the continent, and a single passport. He wanted to introduce a gold dinar to back African currencies, thus freeing them from the dollar standard. This pronouncement sent shivers of fears to the economic cum socio-political spines of America. African Intellectuals Remember Late Muammar Gaddafi as Pan-African who wished and planned for a strong vision of uniting the continental African continent, (Isilow, 2021). Qaddafi's Patriotism to Continental Africa with other leadership of Unity of Africa as well as all the contemporary *Anti-African Agenda* hidden in the Neocolonialism and postcolonial presence of the white man in Africa irked the US and co-imperialists.

Qaddafi was prophetic he boldly affirmed that before Libya was a desert and I turned into a forest of what it is today. No body loves this land more than the people. If Europe and America tell you that they love you, be careful, they love the wealth of your land, the oil and not the people. He warned the Libyans of conniving with the foreigners in killing him because of their mischievous plans. Equally Qaddafi warned Americas and Europe to be ready to fight a never ending terrorism when they succeed in killing him. And below are likely and actual insinuations

with the turn of events and aftermath effects of Qadaffi's death in Libya as the *real reasons why* Qadaffi was Killed by the US-NATO and Europeans powers, thus:

- No electricity bill in Libya. Electricity is free for all her citizens
- There is no interest on loans. Banks in Libya . By law loans are given to citizens at zero per cent.
- Home is considered a human right in Libya. Qadaffi vowed that his parents are not to own a house till every Libyan citizens own one.
- All newly wedded couples in Libya receives 60 thousand dinars (USD50, 000) from the Government so as to buy apartment
- Education and Medical treatment are free in Libya. Before Qadaffi only 25 per cent of Libyans were literates. As of the time of his death it stood at 83 per cent
- Libyans taking farming as a career receives farmland, a farming house, equipment and seeds and livestock to kick start their farming all for free.
- If Libyans cannot find education or medical facilities they needed in Libya, the Government funds them to go abroad for them.
- In Qadaffi's Libya, if a citizen buys a car, the Government subsidizes 50 per cent of the prize.
- The prize of petrol in Libya is zero dollars.
- Libya has no external debt. Its foreign reserves amounts to !50 Billion Dollars. Now frozen globally.
- If a Libyan is unable to get employment after graduation, he will be paid the average salary of his profession as if to say he or she is employed until employment is found.
- A portion of Libyan oil sales is credited directly to all the bank accounts of the citizens of Libya.
- A mother who gave birth to a child under Qadaffi receives 5000 dollars as child benefit up front
- 40 loaves of bread in Libya costs 15 cents.
- 25percnt of Libyans have University degree
- Qadaffi carried out the world's largest irrigation project known as the great man-made river project to make water readily available throughout the desert country.
- If this is called dictatorship I wonder what type of leadership Democrats have.

Bilateral Exchange-Education Program:

This form of oversea mission based on exchange program for proficiency and exchange of ideas worth it. Bilateral Exchange-Education Program is very encouraging on the national and international level. Foreign exchange programs is a pre-agreed study programme between countries or often provided by developed nations for developing countries by providing students with an opportunity to study in a different country and environment experiencing the history and culture of another country, as well as meeting new friends to enrich their personal development. Bilateral Education Exchange program therefore offers people from different countries visit each other's country, perhaps to strengthen links between them or to improve foreign language skills. However, cases abound in the abroad professional services and where many of our Professionals lose their Professionalism as well as their patriotism Exchange program for proficiency and exchange of ideas. Many of our professionals who crossover lost the flair. Such cases of professional brain-drain is the worry of this piece.

Contemporary Nigerian Nationhood in Need of Professionalism and Patriotism Brain Drain Drift in Nigeria: History and Praxis

Brain drain from Nigeria is the exodus of middle-class and highly skilled Nigerians which has been occurring in waves since the late 1980s to early 1990s. Therefore, the term, brain drain, is also known as human capital flight. It means large scale movement or migration of top flight manpower from various developing countries (predominantly African countries) to more developed countries notably United States of America, Canada, United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, Holland, Newzeland and Australia. As earlier stated, the chief reason for this movement is the quest for better opportunities. Similarly, the Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English defines brain drain as “a movement of highly skilled or professional people from their own country to a country where they can earn more money”. The term “brain drain” originally referred to technological workers leaving a nation. But nowadays its application or meaning has widened to include the migration of educated and professional people from one country, economic sector or field for another usually for better remuneration and/or living conditions (Merriam Webster Dictionary, 2010).Again, Utile (2008) conceptualizes brain drain as “the mass exodus of highly trained and well experienced academics from countries with poor conditions of service to those with better work conditions in search of greener pasture”. Basically, Brain drain is common amongst such skilled personnel as medical doctors, pharmacists, nurses, medical laboratory scientists, industrial chemists and pilots. Others are computer scientists, engineers, university lecturers, researcher, technologists and lawyers. Brain drain is usually considered an economic cost on the part of the releasing countries. This is because migrants usually take with them the fraction of value of their training sponsored by governments or other organizations. It could be likened to capital flight which refers to the same movement of financial capital. The converse of brain drain is brain gain. Thus, whilst developing countries from which trained personnel are migrating are suffering from brain drain, developed nations are experiencing brain gain.

Furthermore, brain drain entails the transfer of knowledge, experience, skill and expertise from one region, country or geographic location to another. Brain drain has grown in scale due to recent developments in modern electronic information technology, the widening of gap between the South and the North and spread of corporate globalization, an increasing political instability, civil wars and social and religious strife in many Southern and African countries, of which Nigeria is one. Another term closely related to brain drain is brain waste. This is a situation whereby foreign nationals or workers are often hired to do jobs for which they are over qualified. For instance, there are many Nigerian doctors and European scientists working as taxi drivers in some large United States of American cities like New York, Chicago, Texas, Michigan, Washington, etc. The obvious implication of this scenario is that Nigeria is being deprived of valuable contributions of this highly skilled manpower who are grossly underutilized in the USA. This is because they would have been contributing their quota to the development of the country if they were at home. As the situation in Nigeria becomes unbearable, many young and old Nigerians can't resist the lure of trying their luck elsewhere on the continent or across the globe. The push factors include mass unemployment, poverty, insecurity and the urge for self actualisation among others. Some of the causes of brain drain drift in Nigeria or properly put, the actual reasons for the human capital flight are known and often may not be an issue of blame. However, the question is trying to make use of our professionalism where lies the patriotism? In the mean time some of the reasons for these unpatriotic disservices to one's fatherland are: *Unemployment/Low paying jobs, Lack of financial security, Poor health care and facilities, Bad leadership, Unfavourable working conditions, Corruption and Lack of Patriotism.*

The reasons that that chanced such act of unpatriotic disservice from professionals to their fatherland results in many rippled effects. Hence, Adebayo (2010) maintains that in the 1990s the effects of Brain Drain on Nigeria have been identified as one of the principal factors hampering development in Nigeria especially in the University system, teaching hospitals and research centres. The phenomenon has caused and continues to cause incalculable damage to the country. Its effects on Nigeria are legion and multifarious. Some of the consequences are discussed thus: *Drastic Fall in Standard of Education, Tremendous Reduction in the Quality of Skilled Manpower, Retardation of Socio-economic and Technological Growth and Development of Nigeria, High rate of poverty and low education standard*, (Adebayo, 2010). These effects of wanton brain drain allows for mere comfort in life as it affects the country and her human resources and capital development at dangerous crossroad with untold injurious effects of brain drain on Nigeria's economy. This why Yesufu (1996) aptly observes "the quality of graduates is so poor that their impact on the national economy in terms of productivity is generally below the required standard for a developing economy". Equally Oni (2008) avers that "the mass movement of academics from the nation's universities to other countries has invariably taken its toll on the quality of outputs produced from the system". Mbanefo (1992) regrets that "today the Nigerian university system continues to suffer from intellectual haemorrhage created by the problem of brain drain". To arrest this contemporary uncomplimentary act in the practise of our patriotic professionalism, the implementation of SDGs is very important on the part of Government. There should be a kind of Funding Lucrative Education (Content in Alliance with Skill), Interesting Working Environment, Career-Labour Opportunities, Humane Remuneration for the Professionals, Good leadership, Job opportunities, Planned Further studies and Exchange Program, Spirit of Patriotism,

Need for Patriotic Professionalism and Professional Compatriots

Its disheartening that in contemporary Nigeria, an average Nigerian does not know or comprehend what it is like to be patriotic and have love for the country as a fatherland. This is evident in the way national issues are discussed and how national monuments are treated. The popular statement made by John F. Kennedy, the former president of the United States of America that "think not of what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country" is practically alien to the Nigerian populace. God bless America seems to be a prayerful mantra in the mouth of every American citizen. How does it look to say God Bless Nigeria and believe it. When I tried to convince some of our youths to emulate Americans in this seeming natural mantra that is maxim of their life style, they mockingly and hilarious said God Bless Nigeria. This is because over the years the type gerontocratic democracy and kakistocratic leadership shows that Nigeria does love her citizens. Such despicable regard from our fatherland has chanced Naija factor in the quest for patriotic professionalism and professional patriotism. There are other economic cum socio-political factors identified as other Naija factors that made the Youths to leave the country for greener pastures in other countries. These Naija factors border on bad leadership, endemic corruption, federal character-quota abuse, tribalism and ethnicism

In the beginning stanza of the enduring second *Nigerian National Anthem* of 1978, which replaced the first Nigerian anthem, *Nigeria We Hail Thee* of 1960, written by an expatriate, we sing with every good gestures of respect thus:

Arise, O compatriots
Nigeria's call obey
To serve our fatherland,

With love and strength and faith
The Labour of our Heroes
Shall never be in Vain
To serve with heart and might
One nation bound in freedom
Peace and Unity!

Oh God of creation, direct our noble cause
Help our youth the truth to know
In love and honesty to grow
To build a nation where peace and justice shall reign.

Brain drain Drift of our professionals is simply making the *labours of our heroes past* to be in vain. Some national heroes and national significant figures had in the past denied themselves the comfort of overseas so as to make sure African Nations and Nigeria in particular have independence as well as become a republic. And in our National Pledge, we assuredly promised thus: *I pledge to Nigeria my Country, To be faithful, loyal and honest, To serve Nigeria with all my strength*. But the brain drain drift makes mess of this Promise. We remember some of our African significant figures and their African Philosophical thought system that compelled them to be truly African against the white-man's juicy deceptive system of regarding everything black as evil. Contemporary African philosophical movements and more of socio-political movements for the emancipation of continental Africa came up via significant figures and heroes as: Pan-Africanism, Nnamdi Azikiwe's Zikism, Leopold Sedar Senghor's *Negritude*, Kwame Nkrumah's *Consciencism*, and Julius Kambarage Nyerere's *Ujamaa*. Equally Chimakolam O. Jonathan gave other African philosophical Movements inn Afro-deconstructionism and Afro-constructionism, Chimakonam Conversationalism, Iroegbu's African Communalism, Kanu's Igwebuikism, etc.

Conclusion

I wish to conclude by restating that patriotism should determine all acts of professional BDD. Nigerian society has made most of her youths to be contemporary slaves of other countries... Sadly, many Nigerian professional youths in different walks of life are now selling themselves into many countries for any menial job *in the new plantain plantation*. They are literally asking the white-man, the sons and grandchildren of slave masters to please buy us again. Hence, the drastic brain drain drifts into many countries of US and Europe for menial jobs and professional ones. This Japa or Jakpa¹, the exodus as well as the mass movement of our youths in the name of Job overseas is simply a new form of self-slavery.

Brain drain and lack of patriotism of professionals appears to have gained wide attention in the 1960s when skilled professionals from developing countries like Nigeria began to migrate to the developed regions in search of greater economic opportunities among other reasons which have slowed down the level of growth and productivity in the country and in turn increases the level of dependency on more developed regions.

¹ In our context, Japa or Jakpa slang is a Yoruba locution which means to leave for greater pastures is still consistently running errands in the frustrated minds of Nigerian youths. Japa describes an act of escaping or disappearing quickly from an unpleasant situation.

It also reveals that the industrialized nations where the vast majority of Nigeria's professionals are domiciled are the beneficiaries of Nigeria's human capital crisis. Therefore, it is essential that Nigeria should discover and adopt solutions to overcome the issue of brain drain and lack of patriotism. The skilled workers who have migrated to other countries due to various reasons are recoverable assets who could play vital parts in developing opportunities in their countries. Also, it has been able to x-ray that Patriotism is a virtue without which any attempt at nation-building and development will be futile in Nigeria. Based on the evidence provided above it is clear that the negative consequences of brain drain and lack of patriotism in Nigeria far outweigh the gains and the monsters should be kicked out of the country.

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