

## ETHNICITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL CRISIS IN NIGERIA

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### ABSTRACT

*Nigeria is mixed with some of the most obstinate conflicts, most of them constructed from differences in ethnic identities, ethnic nationalism has led to conflicts about control of state power, unequal allocation of resources, citizenship issues, state collapse, economic decline and ethno-political clashes. Though, there are many studies on causes of ethnic conflict in Nigeria, little researches have been done on the linkage between ethnicity and political development of crises in Nigeria, therefore this research will cover the gap. The paper is purely conceptual based on secondary data such as text books, journals, magazines etc. The findings shows that class struggle, Resource Allocation and Control, Greedy Elite, Structural Imbalance are the causes of ethnic crises in Nigeria leading to political crises. Hence, eliminating trust, confidence and full political integration as a nation among the different ethnic nationalities, the paper recommend further studies in this direction, and also a systematic change in altitude, behavior and conduct toward these ethnic groupings, to a more inclusive, open, transparent and credible political process to accommodate all in the Nigerian political space for peace, progress, tranquility and a sustainable democratic culture in the nation.*

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