

IMPACT OF POLITICAL IDEOLOGY AMONG YOUTH IN ONNEH ORUMBA SOUTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA ANAMBRA STATE.

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Abstract

The Study viewed the impact of political ideology for sustainable national development among youths in Onneh. . Politics is an act of using power to in the society. At any election, political parties come out with their manifesto, portraying what they would do if won to improve the standards of people especially the youths. Eventually, those manifesto were thrown into trash once they won making youths to see Politics as a dirty game. political malpractices like thuggery and rigging were common at election. Politicians need to live to their expectations, youths are treasures and their critical necessities should be met. To achieve this purpose, literature was revealed two research questions were used. Descriptive survey research design were adopted for the study. The population consisted eight hundred (800) youths ,simple random sampling was used to select three hundred (300) youths, 150 males, 150 females .Instrument for data collection was researcher's structured and validated questionnaire that comprises 16 items put into two clusters with response options; strongly Agree =4 points, Agree =3points, Disagree =2points and Strongly disagree =1point. Mean was used in analyzing data. The result of the study shows that political parties do not keep their manifesto. This made the youths to see Politics as a dirty game. . It was suggested that all political leaders must maintain what was stated in their manifesto or resign if they would not meet up with the manifesto.

Key words: political ideology, youths, sustainable national development.

Introduction

Politics simply means an act of using power in the society. According to Collins (2024), politics is the actions or activities concerned with achieving and using power in a country, organizations and state. Many political parties emerge, struggling to win their opponents. A lot of manifesto are raised up filled with political ideas on how to improve the living standards of people especially the youths. It is believed that when they won, lifestyles will change for better leading to sustainable national development among people especially the youths. Political ideology are the ideas of politicians on how they would govern people if they won. According to Freeden (2001), political ideology are set of ideas, beliefs, values opinions, exhibiting a recurring pattern that competes deliberately as well as unintentionally over providing plans of action for public policy making in an attempt to justify, explain contest, or change the social and political arrangement and processes of political community. These political ideas were left unattended making youths to see Politics as dirty game and do or die affairs. Angough (2019),confirmed this by stating that once political party come on board with its elected members in all arms of government and at the expiration of their tenure, there is nothing

congent, nothing tangible that the populace can appreciate from their stewardships. Political ideology are meant to bring substantive change in the economy. There is need for increase in life expectancy, productivity and services both now and in future.

Sustainable national development is the ability of a country to plan and achieve betterment and improvement both in social-economic, political, cultural and other in life. Sustainable national development should meet the need of present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Ojinga (2024) pointed out that sustainable national development geared toward the enhancements of individuals in the economy and which would also enhance the development of the Nation and such development should be sustainable over time. Also, Munasinghe (2024) defined sustainable national development as process of improving the range of opportunities that will enable individuals humans and communities to achieve their aspirations and full potentials over a sustained period of time while maintaining the resilience of economic, social and environmental systems. Abudulkadir (2011) in line with other explained sustainable development as those infrastructures, policies and behaviors that are conceptualized, instituted and maintained over a period of time. These infrastructures are considered essential to the general welfare and continued existence of the people and their immediate environment, such as housing, recreational facilities, agriculture, good roads, mineral resources, electricity, water, schools, industries, transportations, domestic services and good governance. Sustainable national development is a continuous and progressive increase and expansion of the volume of goods and services provided in aliveness economy which could lead to improvement in the social, political and economic life of the present and future generations. Any country that achieved this status, experience good governance because good governance provides adequate and sufficient social services required by the citizens. Goal eight of sustainable development says "Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all. The goal includes but not limited to achieving full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including young people and persons with disabilities, equal pay for workouts equal values by the year 2030. Unfortunately, these goals were nowhere to be found .Unemployment, insecurity, hardships were the other of the day. Okonkwo (2002) pointed out that real national development should move the citizens from one stage of existence to another, preferred alternatives, while serving as a process through which the people identify and solve their important problems, development should help them to maintain their cherished values, norms and traditions. National development is a continuous improvement of materials and physical environment for the benefit of the citizens. Since development per se involves learning and application of information, attitudes, values and skills previously unavailable. Onuselogu (2015), stated that national development is central focus in the achievement of the capability of satisfying human needs for food, health, shelter and other life positive life expectancy. National Development are actualize only when all needs and services were provided to the satisfaction of the citizens. What we experiences are Neglect to our youth who are our treasures. Politicians made manifesto that raises youths morals which were left unattended. Political malpractices like thuggery and rigging were the other of the day. Onunkwo (2002) highlighted this, stating that instead of political development, the nation had to contend with political decay. Development is the process of learning, which enables people to accomplish things they could not do before, that is learn to apply information, attitudes,

values and skills previously unavailable. Since these were not available, sustainability cannot be achieved.

Youths is the time of life when one is young. It is referred to as one's peak in term of health, when one is a young adult, appearing fresh, filled with vigour, spirit and other characteristics of young persons. Youth is not defined chronologically as stage that can be tied to specific age ranges, nor can its end point be linked to specific activities like taking unpaid work, or having sexual relations. Youth is an experience that may shape an individual's level of dependency, which can be marked in various ways according to different cultural perspectives. en.mwikipedid.org. These youths are our treasures and their basic necessity should be provided but politicians comes out with manifesto of what should be provided to these youths which they never attended, This made the youths to see Politics as dirty game and do or die affairs hence the need for this research.

Statement of the Problem

Youths are future of tomorrow, they are our treasures. At this period, they under goes some changes, with vigour and energetic they engage in activities for their future development. They contributes to national development by putting their strengths in some hard tasks. As a result of their strengths, they look at political manifesto of politicians as means to an end. Unfortunately, they become frustrated with political malpractices which demoralizes them. They manifesto were thrown into trash once they won the election. This falls in line with Angough (2019) who posited that political parties come on board with its elected members in all arms of government and at the expiration of their tenure there is nothing congenit, nothing tangible that the populace can appreciate from their stewardships. These made our youths to see Politics not as an act of using power in the society to promote sustainable development but crimes prone activities. With the political malpractices like thuggery and rigging, youths now see Politics as dirty game, do or die affairs hence do not partake in politics with good morals. This call for research on impact of political ideology for sustainable national development among youth in Onneh Orumba South Local Government Area.

Purpose of the Study

1. To ascertain some political ideas of the politicians.
2. To ascertain the measures to be adopted in maintaining sustainable national development among youths.

Research Questions

- 1.what are the political ideas of politicians.?
2. What measures should be adopted in maintaining sustainable national development among youth.?

Methods

Descriptive survey research design was employed. Anaekwe & Udegbe (2016) defined descriptive research design as the collection of data for the purpose of describing and interpreting existing conditions on practice, beliefs, attitudes and others. The design is most suitable for this study as it sought to collect and systematically analyze data from youths to ascertain their views on political ideology for sustainable national development. The population of the study comprises of eight hundred (800) youths. Simple random sampling was used to select three hundred, 150 males and 150 females from the five villages that make up the town. Instrument for data collection was structured questionnaire of 16 items captioned

Questionnaire on impact of political ideology for sustainable national development among youth (QIPISNDAY). The instrument was validated by three experts from political warlords and their corrections were used in production of last copy of the questionnaire. Linkert four point rating scale of strong agree =4 points, Agree =3points, Disagree =2points and Strongly disagree =1point was used to elicit information from respondents. Descriptive Statistical mean ($\bar{x}$) was used to analyze data collected. Decision rule was that any item that was 2.50 and above signifies agree and any item with less than 2.50 signifies disagree.

Research Question One

What are the political ideas of politicians for sustainable national development among youth in Onneh Orumba South Local Government Area ,

Table 1: Mean rating of the political ideas of politicians for sustainable national development among youth in Onneh.

S/N	items	SA	A	D	S/D	N	$\bar{X}$	Remark	SA	A	D	SD	N	$\bar{X}$	Remark
1	Provision of good jobs	20	20	60	50	150	2.07	Disagree	15	25	70	40	150	2.10	Disagree
2	provision of skill acquisition center	15	25	70	40	150	2.10	Disagree	25	15	60	50	150	2.07	Disagree
3	Accountability of funds	20	20	70	40	150	2.00	Disagree	20	20	60	50	150	2.07	Disagree
4	Free Education	10	20	70	50	150	1.93	Disagree	15	25	60	50	150	2.03	Disagree
5	Training and empowering youths	20	10	70	50	150	2.00	Disagree	20	10	60	60	150	1.93	Disagree
6	Health services (free medical cares)	25	15	60	50	150	2.10	Disagree	20	10	70	50	150	2.00	Disagree
7	Portable water and proper disposals of refuse	15	25	50	50	150	2.03	Disagree	10	20	70	50	150	1.93	Disagree
8	Free and fair election	10	20	70	50	150	1.80	Disagree	10	20	60	60	150	1.87	Disagree
	Grand Mean						2.00							2.00	

From the table above, both male and female youths disagree that the political ideas portrayed during campaign as stated in their manifesto were not fulfilled such as provisions of good jobs, skill acquisition centers, accountability of funds free medical cares and education, training and empowering youths and other such ideas. This showed in their mean rating accountability, of funds, free medical cares and education, training and empowering youths and other such manifestos.

This showed in their mean rating which is below cut off points for males and 2.10,2.07,2.07,2.03,1.93,1.93, 2.00,1.87 with grand mean of 2.00 for females. This is in line with Angough(2019) who stated that political parties comes on board with its elected members in all arms of government and at the expiration of their tenure there is nothing congenial, nothing tangible that the populace can appreciate from their stewardships. Youths therefore see Politics as dirty game and do or die affairs, full of lies and fallacies.

Research Question Two

What measures should be adopted to fulfill the political ideas for sustainable national development among youths in Onneh Orumba South Local Government Area.

S/N	Items	Male						Remark	Female						Remark
		SA	A	D	SD	N	$\bar{x}$		SA	A	D	SD	N	$\bar{x}$	
9	provide good jobs as promised	70	60	10	20	150	3.3	Agree	70	50	10	20	150	3.13	Agree
10	provide Skill acquisition centers for youth	65	55	20	10	150	3.2	Agree	60	50	15	25	150	2.97	Agree
11	All funds should be well accounted for.	75	40	25	10	150	3.1	Agree	65	50	15	20	150	3.07	Agree
12	Education should be made free	70	50	20	10	150	3.20	Agree	70	50	10	20	150	3.13	Agree
14	Train and equip youths	80	40	10	20	150	3.20	Agree	60	50	20	20	150	3.00	Agree
15	provide portable water , place for refuse disposal	60	60	10	20	150	3.1	Agree	70	50	10	20	150	3.13	Agree
16	There should be free and fair elections	70	50	10	20	150	3.1	Agree	50	60	20	20	150	2.93	Agree
Grand mean							3.2		3.02						

From the table 11 above the response options of 3.33, 3.17,3.3,07,3.20,3.20,3.07,3.13 with grand mean of 3.19,for Male and 3.13, 2.97, 3.07, 3.13, 3.00, 3.13, 2.93 with grand mean 3.02 for female agreed that politicians should fulfill their mission and visions as stated in their manifesto. If these are adhered to, youths will acquire enough knowledge, skills that aids in improving our economy and in achieving sustainable national development. This is in line with Umeadi, Nwodo &Ugwu (2024). This is in line with Umeadi, Nwodo & Ugwu (2024)who stated in Bishop Okpalaeke address during pastoral visit at Isuofia that Children a care, they are our treasures that must not toyed with, rather should be provided with all critical necessities of life that will help them become a better version of themselves. Youths should be well nurtured to take after the leaders.

Discussion

From the results, It could be concluded that all political ideas of politicians as stated in their manifesto were not adhered. Hence no national development could be achieved. Youths see Politics as dirty game and do and die affairs, filled with political malpractices like thuggery and rigging. Results also revealed that if recommendations and manifesto of politicians are

fulfilled, there would be improvement in productivity youths will improve in productivity, economy will increase and there would be sustainable national development to improve their living conditions following political ideas ugly practices.

Conclusion

The Study investigated the impact of political ideology for sustainable national development among youth in Onneh Orumba South Local Government Area. Youths are the future of any group, they are our treasures and their critical necessity of life should be provided. Sustainable national development which is the ability of any nation to plan and achieve youths were given attention. political ideas as stated in their manifesto should be adhered to for nation to move forward but were disappointed with the political malpractices like thuggery and rigging at all elections. This exposes youths into crime and other betterment and improvement in both socio-economic, political and cultural should be achieved only when The aims while youths moves into politics were

Recommendations

Based on the findings, the following recommendations were made

1. political parties should always keep to their manifesto
2. politics should be made free and fair
3. Youths necessities should be placed first in scale of preference for any political leader.

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