

## **WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR NIGERIAN POLITICAL LANDSCAPE-ANALYSIS**

The state of the present political landscape in Nigeria is anything but promising due to a number of reasons. One of which being that the practice of politics in the country lacks a certain form of finesse, substance and can be mimicked to have a cat chase rat game plan.

In the past, it was not uncommon to see the politicians copy the political dictums and attitude of their predecessors or god fathers; this led to the same modus operandi being passed on from tenure to tenure with no clear hope of a change. This practice went on for years and is even in play in the political sector today. In this post, we will highlight the state of Nigeria's political system today and the possible future we envision.

### ***Nigerian Politics Today, Riddled with Corruption***

Dare I say that the state of politics in Nigeria today is not so different than what it was a decade ago. The same rules are still in play, the same crazy antics and of course, the same people. This doesn't signify growth in anyway and certainly doesn't make Nigerian politics attractive to the youth. Sadly, Nigerian politics is a clear game of abandonment; where every appointed leader just comes to use up the resources and dumps the carcass for the next person who does the same thing.

This is the reality of politics in the country and is evident in every political level ranging from the grass root (counselor and local government chairman) to the elite (senate and presidency). They all seem to read from one handbook which doesn't have a plan for the future generation in any of its pages. The reality that stares us in the face is that the plans of all the political parties in play are not enticing as they are just rip offs of old plans with different fonts and new bindings. It is obvious that each party uses politics as a power-grabbing vehicle with the aim of stealing from the country's resources.

### ***Is there any Hope for the Future?***

I think Nigerians have come to see the reality that our problems will definitely not disappear overnight regardless of who is in power or whether or not the state of the political sector changes. We need to understand this fact and bear in mind that if a candidate comes promising immediate change in the upcoming elections; then we should know that he/she is tactless and very visionless. For politics to have a future in this nation, we need a leader with a clear understanding of the

present state and potential of the nation, a vision of what plans would work, and the know how to execute those plans. Only then can the political sector have a structure that can be looked upon by the younger generation.

So, is there any light at the end of this very dark tunnel? What can we say? We hope and pray that the future of the Nigerian Political Landscape will be a lot better than what we are experiencing today. Can we decisively predict positive changes? Or any change at all? Sadly, No, but we remain hopeful.