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LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES OF THE NIGERIAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Abstract:

The perceived deficits of the lack of effective leadership, or the general effects of bad governance there-from, have been adduced as underlying causes of the various problems of development in Nigeria - ranging from the economic to the political and social. In this paper, the perceived adverse impact of the leadership problem on the educational system is examined and discussed. The need to engender purposeful leadership and good governance for the achievement of sustainable development of the Nigerian educational system is specifically canvassed. The spill-over effects of pervasive social corruption, political power struggle, the pursuit of wrong priorities in governance, the lack of transparency and accountability as well as problems arising from official mismanagement, nepotism and ethnicity are also particularly chronicled in this paper within the wider context of the analysis of scenarios. Effective, visionary and competent leaderships are necessary catalysts for the long-term development of the educational system in Nigeria.

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