

Socioeconomic Impacts of Tertiary Institution Cultism on Nigeria Youths History and Overviews

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Abstract- Cultism is one of the significant indecencies standing up to the Nigerian instructive area today. The exercises of these gatherings have caused the passing of many. Mystery Cult bunches are widespread in higher foundations in the Country and have turned into a smear on the correct improvement of the Nigerian youth. The fundamental conditions for continued scholarly culture have been disintegrated in tertiary establishment. Also, it has been a negative effect in tertiary establishment which little consideration has been given to the outcome. Here and there understudies are assaulted, killing with acids, charms, cleavers, Knives, firearms, sunlight and pack rapping, death toll, property and badgering of female understudies. There is no harmony in grounds, arrangement of examination negligence, murdering of teachers. Advertising as critical thinking correspondence are relied upon to make methodologies to illuminate the understudies and make them mindful of what is required of in a scholastic. In order to tackle this problem successfully this paper recommends that both the students and general public and the government should take the challenges upon themselves. It focuses on the relevance measures in which public relations and any external body could adopt to solve social phenomenon in tertiary institution in Nigeria. Therefore this paper tries to portray the relationship and effect on socioeconomic wellbeing of youths in Nigeria tertiary institutions.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Cultism is one of the major vices confronting the Nigerian educational sector today. The activities of these groups have caused the deaths of many (members and non-members inclusive). The term cult is a Latin word which refers to worship, religion and faith. A cult is a group of people who are adherents of a certain type of worship. In the contemporary context, it generally refers to a fraternal relationship between groups of people who are out to achieve set objectives for members, even though these objectives go against the interest and norms of the larger society (Eyoboka, (2007).

(2007) characterizes these factions as a gathering of individuals who share and spread impossible to miss convictions just to individuals. The Oxford succinct Dictionary of humanism (1996) gives the sociological meaning of clique as a little gathering or religious exercises whose convictions are commonly emit, exclusive and individualistic.

Akintunde (2007) characterized mystery clique as any type of association whose exercises are not just solely avoided the information of others however such exercises are completed at odd hours of the and they regularly conflict with the acknowledged standards and estimations of regular daily existence.

II. EVOLUTION OF CULTISM IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.

Cultism is gone back to 1952, when Wole Soyinka victor of the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize for Literature-and a gathering of companions at the University of Ibadan shaped the Pyrites.

In the mid-1980s, reports had it that a portion of the religions have been co-picked by components in the insight and security administrations serving the military government to such an extent that they were utilized as foils to one side wing understudy associations which, alongside college educators, were among the main outstanding bastions of resistance to military rule.

Long after the founding fathers had left the University of Ibadan, the Confraternity (seadogs) continued to thrive. Unfortunately towards the end of the 1960' the changes that occur in the various sector of the economic and education in Nigeria began to affect the operations of the Confraternities. As per Adelola (1997), the main eminent takeoff came in 1968 with the development of the Eiy Confraternity at the University of Ibadan.

As indicated by Owoye (1997) the Eiy Confraternity had sprung from the 'Marauders'" which additionally had jumped up from the ocean hounds. The protestant

gatherings which jumped up from the Pirates Confraternity included Black eye, Vikings, Buccaneers. The female factions incorporate, Temple of Eden, Sisterhood, Arcane heavenly attendants. Scarcely is there any tertiary establishment which has not endured the antagonistic impacts of the exercises of mystery religions which have been described by brutality.

III. IMPACTS OF CULTISM ON NIGERIA YOUTHS IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

The specialist impact of cultism on the learning procedure can't be depleted as both intra and between faction conflicts adversely influence understudies. (Opaluwah 2009). A parcel of lives and properties have been crushed through clique brutality (Mgbekem 2004). Young students who should be pioneers in future have fallen casualties of trigger glad cultists (Brown, 2008). Our youth populace is by and large progressively annihilated because of faction exercises.

Times without number, scholastic exercises in these organizations have been conveyed to a halt because of faction brutality. Teachers are compromised into granting baseless scores to cultist who does not go to classes (Opaluwah 2009). Mgbekem (2004) regretted that evenings are never again safe in inns as a result of successive religion aggravations and uncertainty. A few guardians presently incline toward off grounds settlement for their kids in tertiary establishments inspired by a paranoid fear of being casualties of grounds cultists' frenzy.

Because of the exercises of the cultists and their backers who supply them with advanced weapons to arraign public conflicts in the tertiary establishments, urban communities, towns and towns. The cultists who are in control of such unlawful weapons once in a while utilized them for execution of violations. Mgbekem (2005). The individuals who in the end enroll in mystery clique gathering may have been constrained to do as such in light of "Sagging self images" that should be helped. Others participate so as to have a feeling of having a place and the should be well connected' (Eneh 1996).

Still others may join in light of the requirement for monetary help, to anchor young lady companions or for self-assurance (Akintunde(2007). A few understudies are additionally pulled in to cultist bunches since they are looking for in the wake of significance, bearing, solace and love (Omotunde1984). Secret cultism appears to have unique fascination for young people who are candidly irritated and troubled. Oostende has further observed, recruitment into a mystery cultist gather is

dressed up like a Japanese feast with affection, understanding and love which effectively draw in the officially defenseless against the overlay. Youths who have adaptable personalities effortlessly fall prey to the supplications from religion individuals (Omotunde 1984). Youngsters that are desolate, discouraged, despondent, disorientated and terrified now and again float into the holding up arms of mystery cultists.

Aside from the classifications referenced above there are a few youths who join mystery factions out of sheer interest. Eneh(2007) has trusted that the individuals who intentionally has limit cooperation with different understudies are simple preys for those enlistment officers. An essential component in the method of activity of mystery religions is enlistment. Enlistment practice is firmly fixing to the readiness of understudies to end up individuals from mystery cliques. Apart from some physical and emotional attributes which have been referred to earlier, prospective cult members must be a drug addict. New recruits must also demonstrate some stoic abilities, especially, ability to bear pain. For the prospective female cultists, wearing of provocative dresses that accentuate natural curves and contours is almost a must (Brown1999). They must also be able to display an unusual bravado during altercations with uninitiated female students.

A portion of the female mystery factions are, Black braziers, Amazons, Jezebels, white paints, just to give some examples. A planned female cultist, as indicated by Adams (2002) must be a smoker of all brands of cigarettes; she should have the capacity to devour a wide range of liquor.. She must also be rich, bold and have "big" men friends. To promise her acknowledgment, she should finish the torment test; she should have a closet of abnormal clothing types that can make heads turn at whatever point she cruises by. To the mentally troubled, mystery factions offer help (Omotunde 1984). The aid is in type of adoration, warmth and some level of passionate security.

III. INITIATION PROCESS

The commencement procedure of Secret Cult bunches are very unsafe and hazardous. The guys are made to experience distinctive types of torment where they are extremely beaten with sticks and cleavers to test their continuance. The female intending members are usually raped by several young men. On survival of the above mentioned, the two guys and females are made to drink alcoholic substances blended with blood as a type of vow taking to promise their faithfulness to the gathering.

IV. DIFERENT CULT GOUPS IN NIGEIA HIGER INSITUTIONS

In 1972 the Buccaneers' Association of Nigeria was established by previous individuals from the pyrate confraternity. By the 1980s, there was religion blast in higher organizations all through the nation. Coming up next are a portion of the regular religion bunches recognized in Nigeria and the year they were shaped.

Pyrates confraternity Formed in 1952 at the University College, Ibadan. Eiyee confraternity Formed in 1965 at the University of Ibadan. Buccaneers' confraternity framed in 1972 at the University of Benin. Neo-dark development (dark hatchet) shaped in 1983 at the University of Benin Eternal brotherly request of the army consortium shaped in 1983 at the University of Calabar Supreme Vikings confraternity formed in 1984 at the University of Calabar.

V. RECORDED CULT VIOLENCES AND ACTIVITIES IN NIGEIA SCHOOLS

May, 2017, At the gate of the Benson Idahosa University, Benin, an only child of a Pastor was reportedly killed by a Cult Clash while many others were wounded from the Clash (<http://nigerianobservernews.com/2017/05/pastors-only-child-killed-in-biu-cult-clash/>) June, 2017, A Student of the Cross-River University of Technology (CRUTECH) and other unidentified people have been executed in a faction conflict between the Vikings and KKK confraternity in Ogoja Local Government Area (LGA) of Cross River State.

(<http://dailypost.ng/2017/06/12/crutech-understudy-others-slaughtered-clique-conflict-ogoj/>) It was reported on March 14, 2016 that two students of Abia State University were beheaded as rival cult groups clashed on campus. (<http://opera.pulse.ng/communities/student/a-ia-state-university-clash-6-other-deadly-university-cult-clashes-that-happened-this-year-id4806039.html>) April, 2014, At the Ambrose Alli University One Student was shot dead during a clash by rival cult groups. (<https://www.dailyschoolnews.com.ng/ambrose-alli-university-cult-clash-student-shot-dead-by-rival-cult-groups/>).

April, 2017, A between adversary clique conflict between individuals from Vikings and Buccaneer at the Ebonyi state University left a Final year understudy dead (<http://dailypost.ng/2017/04/18/one-dead-two-harmed-faction-individuals-conflict-ebony-college/>) All these point to how shocking Cultism can be and why earnest advances should be taken to control the hazard.

VI. REASONS WHY STUDENTS JOIN CULT GROUPS

There are many reasons why students join cults; the following are some of the reasons:

1. Mission for power: Many understudies need to feel predominant and more ground-breaking than different understudies, so they join religion gatherings to give themselves this bogus sentiment of prevalence.

2. Want for vengeance: understudies additionally join religion gatherings to look for reprisal against somebody who threatened or badgering them. They trust by getting to be individuals from adversary bunches they can deliver retribution on the individuals who scared them.

3. Scan for security: Students likewise join clique bunches in the journey to be shielded from being threatened by others particularly religion individuals. Subsequent to joining these cliques, they before long find that they are not being ensured at everything except rather their lives have been kept hanging in the balance.

4. Mission for acknowledgment and ubiquity: People additionally join religions so as to be perceived as big young men or girls by others and furthermore turned out to be main stream among understudy networks.

5. Companion bunch impact: Many understudies join religion bunches following influence from their companions who are as of now individuals This is why it is very important to keep the right company of friends at all times.

6. Desire for brotherhood: students also join cult groups to form part of a brotherly relationship, where members pledge their allegiance to love and defend each other.

7. Perfect bad habits: Students who have learnt bad habits from an early age easily join cults groups as a cover to perpetuate their bad character.

VII. CONSEQUENCES OF CULTISM

The consequences of cultism are in two ways which are:

- Consequences on the society.

- Consequences on the individual.

1. Consequences on the society: These are the consequences of cult activities which are suffered by the society at large they include the following;

1.2 Loss of innocent lives: Cult activities bring about the loss of innocent lives which may come about during violent cult clashes with other cult members or the police. These innocent citizens who are killed may otherwise have become valuable members of the society.

1.3 Destruction of valuable properties: Cult members are always prone to destroying valuable properties in the society in the course of their activities.

1.4 Increase in crime rate: Cult activities bring about the increase in crime rate, this is because cultists engage in all sorts of crime such as raping, murder, kidnapping,

and armed robbery. All these make the society unsafe for living.

1.5 Increase in violence; cult activities also breed the nature of violence in youths. Youths who become cultists do not place any value on human life, and rather than resolve conflicts amicably resort to violent means to solve problems which in turn breeds more violence as the saying goes 'violence beget violence'.

1.6 Cult activities give the society bad image.

1.7 Fall in education standard: Frequent closure of schools and destruction of valuable school properties as a result of cult activities results to the fall of education standard.

2. Consequences on the individual

2.1 Death- many cult members end up paying the ultimate price for belonging to such groups. On daily basis cult members kill each other on grounds of supremacy and revenge.

2.2 Loss of limbs- Cultists also lose their limbs during violent clashes with other cult groups. These cultists use dangerous materials to carry out their atrocities, in the process maim those targeted.

2.3 Destruction of health- Cult members engage in different forms of drug abuse and careless behavior. These actions tend to destroy the body system and cause adverse health conditions.

2.4 Poor academic performance- Cultists also experience poor academic performance in school. They skip lectures and have no time to read their books. This explains why many cultists end up spending more years than expected in the University.

2.5 Bad reputation- Cultists have a bad reputation wherever they go, no body regards or respects them. They are always despised by their families and the society at large.

2.6 Expulsion from school- Tertiary institutions have very low tolerance for cult activities and so any student found belonging to a cult is usually expelled from the school.

2.7 Prison time- Belonging to a cult group is a criminal offense and so any individual found to belong to a cult is made by the courts of law to face prison time.

2.8. Lack of peace- Cult members lack peace as they are always on the lookout for rival cult groups. They hardly stay one place because they fear for their security.

2.9 Spiritual problems- The voodoo ritual practices by cult groups bring untold spiritual implications on their well being. They face all manners of spiritual attacks in the course of their lives.

2.10 Shame and embarrassment- Cultists bring a lot of shame, embarrassment and pain to their families. Parents are being tagged as bad parents or parents of armed robbers. Cultism has also made many parents lose their children to ultimately death.

VIII.CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Legitimate battle on the negative impacts of cultism: Individuals at all dimensions in the general public ought to be appropriately taught on the negative impacts of cultism. On the off chance that people, especially, understudies learn of the impacts of cultism they are more averse to need to enjoy it. Powerful security in schools: School organizations ought to guarantee that they give successful safety efforts in school situations to shield understudies from provocation and terrorizing from others, when this happens understudies won't want to look for insurance by framing or joining faction gatherings. Great parental childhood.

Parents should invest great exertion in raising their kids in order to guarantee that they don't guzzle terrible characters that energize viciousness. Kids must be shown the estimations of good ethics. Extreme discipline for religion exercises: Authorities at all dimensions must guarantee that they met out serious reformatory measures on demonstrations of cultism to fill in as discouragement to other people. Consolation of scholastic endeavors. Everyone in the general public must hold delivers giving helpful learning condition to understudies and supporting exercises that empower taking in, this will make understudies center more around their instruction and be less occupied by different things, for example, cultism. Evasion of awful organization: Students must abstain from keeping awful companions, so they don't get affected into enjoying negative conduct.

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