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## Nigeria's Democracy In The Era Of Fake News

The approach of media innovation, internet, and social media and with their ascending to conspicuousness in this era has escalated the aggregate disdain of postmodern culture for the truth. The development of media innovation and its effect in present-day life is unmeasurable molding both the business world and our general public all in all. In our post-truth era objectives, facts are less influential in shaping public opinion and people are more likely to accept an argument based on their emotion and beliefs rather than based on facts. Misinformation, half-truth, duplicity, and attempts at hiding the truth are now common even when the differences are discernible, many people prefer accepting and circulating false information to confuse the masses who find it hard to discern truth from untruth. Unfortunately, people that belong to the mischief gang of spreading 'Fake News' will accept and covertly spreads the misinformation without bothering to check for the fact.

Fake news is a neologism regularly used to allude to fabricated news, having a huge footing in the general public with no basis in fact but is presented as being factually accurate and consumed by millions. Nigeria since her independence resembles some other African nation worried about the need of having a decent and sound political framework. It was an awesome thing of bliss for the general population when the news materialized that Nigeria at long last adopted popular government (Democracy) in 1999 and now it appears to have achieved a tipping moment the nations democracy and the people who determine democracy are been corrupted by the virus or the post-truth era, making it an inexorable issue in reshaping the general public. It's disheartening that government officials and journalists provide the major source and platform of fake news done ignorantly or deliberately or for their selfish interest. These are individuals who should enable the majority to channel the different disinformation from information since they have a satisfactory comprehension of truth and justice.

Prior this year, major Nigerian news agencies and outlet secured a story asserting that Danlade Circoma the pioneer of a known dairy cattle Breeder affiliation turned out straightforwardly to state the attack in Plateau state were because of requital of the loss of their bovines by farmers in the community. This was a remark that drew far-reaching outrage and quick judgment, however, Danlade Circoma denied regularly putting forth such expression. Insights have demonstrated that Nigeria has 26 million dynamic Facebook clients and the fast development of the web and media innovation implies rumors spread rapidly and effortlessly in online networking. Research has demonstrated that individuals have a tendency to believe something if it's repeated enough times.

Prior to the 2014 election, some twitter accounts were created under an unfamiliar agency with

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the point of politically disinforming the majority about opposition party, pushing the enthusiasm of its political gathering and deliberately concocted to smear political leaders, government officials or public figures. No matter how little their followers might be they are shrewd in hunting and tracking their prey, never giving up until they get their prey. This shows how social media can be used to skewer elections in Nigeria. In a democratic country where the majority contributes significantly to the 'rule of power' and the intensity of the administration lies in the decision of the general population, Misinformation keeps on impacting judgment of most People regardless of whether the information has just been remedied and this makes accused to be painted as a 'Miscreant' and unfit for some political position.

A year ago information minister Lai Mohammed talked over and over in a meeting about the Menace of Fake news cautioning that it could undermine our democracy and demolish the structure of the economy. Google, Facebook, and other tech firm have consented to a set of accepted rules to handle sites and individual accounts spreading fake news by making a higher cybersecurity checker to examine the substance of a post before being made unmistakable to the general population watchers. Cybersecurity is currently quick turning into a watershed in democracies and Nigeria is no special case.

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