ABSTRACT

People participation in politics introduces changes for their upliftment and development in addition to peacefully liberating them as they consciously determine for themselves their lines of action. Regrettably this aura of autonomy suffers because people show a sense of apathy to politics. Admittedly active participation in politics is dependent on a people’s intellectual consciousness which education brings about. This paper in addition to x-raying the relationship between politics and education, provides signposts on how education, which is an article of faith for solving mankind’s problems, can enhance mankind’s massive and active participation in politics. The paper reveals that consciously planned educational provision whether formal, informal, adult and non-formal education can enhance the exploration of the positive correlation between literacy, democracy and political participation to bring about tremendous improvement that can radically sensitize people to embrace and participate in politics. The paper upholds that focusing educational provisions on equalizing opportunities or targeting the female population which constitutes a reasonable percentage of world population as well as developing instructional materials in ways that can enable learners to think critically and discuss political issues and their implications locally and internationally, can be steps in the right direction.

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