THE IMPERATIVE OF GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEMOCRACY
IN NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

Democracy is unarguably globally recognized as the best form of government for any nation because it guarantees liberty and creates, enabling environment for the emergence of political institutions that can peacefully compete to form a government. However, democracy is not a potted plant which can be transported into any soil and grown without work or effort. This paper examines democracy as an imperative to good governance and sustainable development in Nigeria. It articulates the normative framework for good governance and argues that Nigeria is in dire need of good governance and responsible leadership. It contends that excessive greed, unbridled corruption, lack of transparency and accountability and such other vices as are obtained in Nigeria, are anti-democratic agents and denial good of governance. It recommends revolutionary overhaul of the three arms of government and administrative institutions in order to achieve good governance and sustain the current democratic governance.

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