Week 9: The Giant of Africa

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Today's Agenda

- Discuss Nigeria
- Pop quiz
- Video on resource curse

Announcements

- Essay grading
- Final review session
- Course evaluations

Any questions?

Nigerian Political History in a Few Minutes

- Pre-1900 Precolonial political institutions
- 1900 Nigeria under British rule
- 1912 Lugard becomes governor, indirect rule
- 1929 "Women's War" against warrant chiefs
- 1960 Independence
- 1963 Nigeria ditches the queen, becomes a republic
- Jan. 1966 Igbo led coup against Hausa-Fulani dominated government
- July 1966 Hausa-Fulani counter-coup
- 1967-70 Biafran War

Nigerian Political History in a Few Minutes

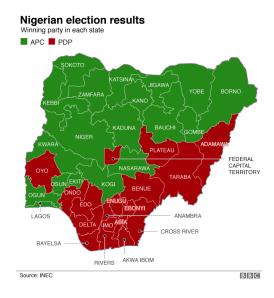
- 1976 Olsegun Obasanjo becomes head of state, pledges a return to democracy
- 1979 Shehu Shagari elected President of Nigeria
- 1983 Military coup, Muhammadu Buhari replaces Shagari as head of state
- 1993 Nigeria holds Presidential election, Moshood Abiola wins, but election is annulled
- 1999 Return of Obasanjo, 1999 presidential election
- 2007 Obasanjo steps down, Umaru Yar'Adua elected president
- 2010 Yar'Adua dies in office, Goodluck Jonathan becomes president
- 2015 Muhammadu Buhari elected president

Buhari



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2019 Presidential Election



Nigerian Political System

- What does the Nigerian political system look like?
 - Presidential system
 - Bicameral parliament
 - First past the post elections
 - Federal system
 - Two parties?
- How do Nigerians decide who to vote for?
 - Ethnic politics?
 - Clientelism?
 - Performance?
 - Ideology?

Nigerian Political System

- Why might Nigeria be a difficult country to govern?
- How have Nigerians attempted to accommodate a diverse, multinational state?
- What role does power-sharing play in Nigerian governance?
 - Federalism and decentralization
 - Rotating heads of state
 - Spreading the wealth
 - New capital placed in the more neutral "middle belt" region
 - Presidential elections Qualified majorities
 - Winning candidate needs the most votes
 - Winning candidate **MUST** win at least $\frac{1}{4}$ the vote in $\frac{2}{3}$ of states

Pop quiz! Take out a piece of paper and a pen.

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- A. Goodluck Jonathan. National Party of Nigeria.
- B. Muhammadu Buhari. All Progressives Congress.
- C. Shehu Shagari. People's Democratic Party.
- D. Atiku Abubakar. Peoples Coalition Party.

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- A. 44%
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Pens down!

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• What explains the Biafran War?

Resource Curse

- What is the resource curse?
 - "Dutch disease"
 - Revenue volatility
 - Failure to develop other economic sectors
 - Rent-seeking and corruption
 - Violence
- Are resources always a curse?

Consider Botswana



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- One of the world's largest diamond producers
- From 1950 to today it has gone from one of the poorest countries in the world to an upper-middle income country
- Broad respect for human rights and civil liberties
- Probably democratic?
 - Ruling party never loses!

Dirty Oil

- Video on Niger delta
- Video does have some explicit language
- Video does feature Nigerian military firing their weapons
- If any of this may be troubling to you feel free to leave

Dirty Oil

Click Me!

Review Next Week

Come next week with a review question!

Any last questions?

