

PARTY POLITICS, ELECTORAL CRISIS AND DEMOCRATIC CONSOLIDATION IN NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

The struggle by political parties to prevail over each other in order to consolidate their hold on state power has had far reaching devastating consequences on the attempt at democratic consolidation in Nigeria. The shaky democratic environment has been threatened by several challenges since inception in 1999. This paper attempts to explore the interrelationships between the nature and character of party politics and its antecedent consequences and the way these impact on the fifteen years of democracy in Nigeria. Data was gathered through observation technique and available literature relevant to the study.