

Women Empowerment: the Way Forward for a Progresses Society and Nation Building, Nigeria in Focus.

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SUMMARY

In a modern world with modern information technology when the world is becoming a global village, one will think that people are becoming more civilized and better informed. Surprisingly this is not the case in most part of Nigeria. Till date women are still suffering, the reason is that they still hold tenaciously to their custom where women are relegated to the background and are forced to depend on their husband for provision. As great a nation as Nigeria, which is regarded as 'the big brother of Africa', men still see the kitchen as the woman's place no matter how well read or highly placed she is. The current economic situation in Nigeria is so bad that the husband alone might not be able to cater for the needs of the entire family more so when the man is married to more than one wife. The situation is worst if the husband dies without a Will, the woman in such areas are treated worst than a slave and the children are worst hit, thereby stopping school in search of menial jobs to sustain the family. This had made some of them to be hardened criminals and a menace in the society. When women are empowered by way of land, inheritance or skill acquisitions, even when there is no Will from a rich late husband and the woman and her children are thrown out by the late husband's family members, she can still cater for herself and the children and be comfortable as they would not be school dropouts or criminals. This paper would x-tray some of the problems women face in some part of Nigeria as regards to lack of economic empowerment, it effects on them and how economic empowerment, would not only be beneficial to them and their immediate family but to the nation and the world at larger.

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