

# **ONE YEAR CORRUPTION OF THE BENEFITS OF THE DOUBT**



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To begin with, let it be **clear** that the **swearing in** of Ahmed Bola Tinubu was the **best** opportunity Nigeria had.

The three political parties that were associated with the capacity to produce a president were All Progressives Congress, Peoples Democratic Party and Labour Party. None of the candidates presented became so with greater civility than questionable practices. This was on both the part of the candidates and the leadership of the parties. While the All Progressives Congress candidate had to express that it was his turn, against the undeniable opposition of the leadership with seeming neutrality, the Labour Party candidate smuggled his way into the party from a different party **without common invitation**. This was why he had to **resist** the standing candidate. In the case of the Peoples Democratic Party, the control of the Party structure and competitive use of money influenced the party resolve on the **political usefulness of zoning** and the **sways** that characterized the delegates at the convention. Thus, the APC and PDP that have solid structures were lame. The LP that is still growing to have one was left with only dreaming and the resort to an illogical and senseless interpretation of the status of Abuja votes, to scuttle the election results.

As for the rowdy entertainment on the certificate qualifications of the candidates, the most prospective candidate for winning stood to be most screwed. But the minimum qualification required of a candidate is post primary certificate or its equivalent and not even a diploma. Moreover, none of the candidates has failed to demonstrate improvement over that minimum requirement by any measure of intelligence quotient. However, for cognate responsibilities exposure in public trust, only Obi and Tinubu have sufficient credentials. The office of a **governor** is a constitutionally accounting office. And the complexity of managing Lagos stands Tinubu over Obi.

**None** of the three candidates is free from serious corruption allegations even though none was judicially barred from holding public trust for it.

The judiciary also delivered justice, informed by the parameters on the ground. The legal representations were professionally opportunistic for competitive court dance, equally driven by **making** best income as against adding to the value of patriotism.

What we have is therefore the product of our **more** collective corruptive processes management.

Tinubu was the most and best entitled to the **benefit of the doubt** by Nigerians. Indeed, he enhanced the increasing grant of this benefit, because most intelligent men and women know that **even bad people can change, given the opportunity**. Tinubu defined his **governance willingness**:

a) “I look for talents that are better than me. I am not afraid to bring on board people with higher wisdom, because the most important thing is to get the job done for the betterment of all”. **This clearly states that he will be humble to those or whoever can help him bear his burden. He will respect and even submit to such and use the benefits presidentially, to serve Nigeria.**

b) “I don’t wait till zero hour to discover the next person to do the job or the next job to be done, from the first hour. I find them”. **This was too ambitious and an extra-rating of his ability, given the size of Nigeria and the constitutional trappings for making appointments.** This goofing logically casted doubts on the opportunity for the first.

c) He offered that all of the above are of equal **importance** and can be achieved at once. This is because time waits for no one. **The polity is logically and sensibly hooked up** with this element of time consciousness. **This may not be precisely**

**achievable but the consciousness is good and sufficient against any immediate blunder or foot dragging.** He can be held fully responsible because **he will always be on the alert.**

d) “Even the obstacles on my way, I predict them before those that will bring them will start to think about them. I plan for betrayal, I plan for backstabbing, I also plan for reunion and forgiveness long before they happen”. **These feats are certainly not with his human capacities and the presidential apparatus he was prospecting to be entrusted with.** No intelligent person will swallow such utopian pills.

All of the above were only **extreme**, in the tempting immodesty that the pursuit of presidential trust is often characterized by. You can only grant him the **benefit of meaning well for all of us.** And this grant was of high grade because in his words “We are not here to do what is comfortable. We are here to do what is right for our people and our country. We are here to answer to a greater, a higher calling. That calling is the love of Nigeria. We dare not miss this chance because we cannot be sure of another”.

Thus, the **only** credibility left for Nigerians to look up to harvesting, is **what the constituents and personalities that will HANDLE AND DRIVE THE PRESIDENT** grant us. Because **no** individual president can **be above board**, there is the opportunity-cum-challenge of his engaging **one or up to three confidants that are RIGHT**, by design or accidental chance.

The absolute pursuit or goal is **servicing Nigerians in a Nigerian way.** And it has been the experience over the years, that the president has not known and understood **what is Nigerian**, to be **committed** to it. Most had been constituting the Leaderships with **more of their types** with some inevitable colour of their unlike.

This is responsible for the consistent **CLOSURE** or **IMPRISONMENT** of the president on completing his key appointments.

Tinubu failed shockingly to cross this opportunity-cum-challenge. His **influencing or appointment** of persons with **records** of being **anti Nigeria** at the state, federal or international levels was psychologically insulting to Nigerians. This is how powerful the president can be, to **enable or disable the Nigerian value**. This may have contributed to **respectable** NADECO chieftains either sticking to the qualifications controversy drama or simply distancing themselves further from him. He therefore lost the possible opportunity of governance criticism from them.

As a transitional actor and especially because he had sustained political wounds to become president, it rested on him, as a priority, to strive or chart the course of a **leadership difference**.

This is regardless of his starting on a term (of sharing his burden of leadership with crooks or questionable characters) that is strange to History.

He was abusive. At an early stage, he will turn deaf ears and be blind to **questionable allegations against his aides**. Those unlucky to get exposed were shown to the world and even kept away. Those of his predecessor were either treated in similar terms or are not of interest. This is why Emeziele suffered more attention, with the private investigation report while the oil sector has not been of concern. This is neither a standard for responsible administration nor the values for serving Nigeria.

He failed or deliberately refused to appreciate that the Buhari infrastructure and statistical achievements didn't make better livelihood impact on the citizens **and threaded the very same path**. This exclusion of what is sensibly right from what is logically right is **bad governance**. This is why more taxes, more loans **for more infrastructure will not serve his responsibility**. The primary purpose of his

engagement is **the welfare of Nigerians, the people**. The unfolding values of the strides of Nasiru governance in Kaduna is good food for thought.

The most embarrassing outing Nigerians have discovered in the hands of the president, is his personal admission to have removed the **evil fuel subsidy**, based on an “**uncommon courage**” as **against knowledge and understanding of the relationship of the consequences to his primary responsibility**. Governance cannot be by instinct. His seeming responsive holding on cyber security tax and possible reversion of hiked electricity tariffs **can therefore not be impressive**. The principal **mishap** is the courage of removing the fuel subsidy **not based on any evaluation**.

And the greatest abuse of governance effect is resolving the labour crisis with **additional income, as if it will be a favour**. This is why the rightness of Labour is a painful and unfortunate complex. They are ordinarily right because the law provides for intermittent increase and government didn't oblige. But the rate and the timing is not honourable. This is the time for the courage of reverting the bad implementation of **subsidy removal** in order to serve the citizens, beyond the workers. No increase templates can cover the mess.

Let it be clear that the increase has to fairly reflect the present costs parameters. The **approval** amounts to putting a seal to the present state of the economy as accepted. This is because it cannot be reversed. The misfortune is that the health of the economy which should give real value to income is **not the case**. Income is rather measuring up to the collapsing economy. And this could have been averted in the first place. The president would have been taught that in real economy, the production of **goods comes first**. They dictate the **services** that should support them. And even with goods, foods and drinks come first. This rational relational order is

the only responsible **basis** for taxation. This is **governance, in a developing country.**

The **implication** only worsens our economy. With an **over bloated** civil service, with **more hands engaged for PATRONAGE**, who will continue to grow in the burden of costs without adding value to the service and qualitatively weakening the service, **HOW CAN THE FUTURE BE BRIGHT?** Moreover, because of the obvious insecurity at the end of the service, the top echelon **is realistically more committed to securing itself, without limits, before retirement.**

For that reason, unlike Muhammadu Buhari who was only **made inaccessible**, it is clear that Tinubu is both inaccessible and **unpredictable**. In other words, **the standard rules for rational and sensible governance are not sacrosanct**. If the removal of fuel subsidy decision is not damaging enough, the swift change of the National Anthem was another display of presidential influence. And at a lower level, a Minister publicly recommended the official naming of a project after a **bosom friend**. The embarrassment was the physical gesture of Tinubu's approval even before the president spoke. This is not **HOW TO GOVERN**. Wole Soyinka only got **goodly honoured** badly.

And I am a personal witness to the submission by Obasanjo that, there is no president who does not get **good advice**. Late Ahmed Joda shared with me, his personal advice to Obasanjo and Buhari on **small scale farming** like the Asian Tigers because, in his words "**the land, the crops and animals are in our full control for managing, as against petroleum that will necessitate almost dependence on others to discover, extract, refine or sell**". I personally have connection with Buhari and I wrote two **guidance letters** to Tinubu before he was sworn in. **Each of them knows that I crossed their rascal inhibitors to get my letters across to them**



**DIRECTLY.** Buhari will **admit** that my letters that he **ignored** would have made a seventy percent difference to Nigeria today, even if he had acted **two years before leaving office.** Tinubu will in addition to **blaming himself, prepare to be more blameable if he refuses to revert to the advice.** The challenge is as a result **not** that they do not read or get good advice **outside their circles.** It is **not** that they lack the ability to understand the advice. Indeed, it may not even be **lack of the will** to consider the advice. The **real obstruction factors are BANKRUPTCY OR HYPOCRISY in the conscious knowledge and discipline of their identity to drive their responsibility for Nigeria.**

When the person of the Leader is this **wanting** and works in **an exclusive environment** of similar creatures, you can expect **normal progression** either by **chance, accident, compelling pressure, a whimsical favour, not exploitable, escapist or not understood as right.** This can be appreciated by the ruling party already gone into **coma,** the opposition and responsible critics **not getting the respect and attention they deserve** and disregarding or failing or refusing to convene **council of state** meetings. Tinubu is on the same path with Buhari and **deeper.**

This is why with the increasing deterioration of the welfare of Nigerians against statistical financial progresses, **not even Muhammadu Buhari will feel or be moved or forced to keep everything aside and personally visit Tinubu to share notes and experiences, for the good of Nigeria.** This is as it is **not impossible** that Buhari can enjoy the ‘respect’ of Tinubu, **NOT TO GO STRAIGHT OR HARD on one to five of his loyalists deserving questioning.** This (to Tinubu) will not be interfering with the government, Buhari being a **good leader of the party and the country.**

The standard of caring for the **share in the evil that a leader leaves behind and is built upon by a successor** and that **supporting the enabling of good work earns no less reward than the enabler, as a Muslim, is inconsequential to Muhammadu Buhari.** This is why and how nonsensical the cries of Muslim Muslim, Muslim Christian and Christian Christian Leadership packaging is, **in effect.** Neither Islam nor Christianity is evil but the **bearers of either identity HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVELY MORE EVIL, because of their bankruptcy in the teachings and discipline, to serve Nigeria.**

If not Muhammadu Buhari, why will Obasanjo or Ibrahim Badamosi, who cannot be refused audience do the same or care? Indeed, after Obasanjo and Abubakar Atiku **offered ways out,** didn't Tinubu aides go into 'defence' responses? **They are unable to live with the TRUTH that what goes right requires no criticism but what goes wrong does.**

Those who are blind, deaf, dumb and do not understand the **truth can neither accept nor share it.**

The nature of **MAMMALIAN** like a bat, **will not serve** the provisions of our constitution. The nature of humans who have decent identities and **can be Nigerian,** is the only way and condition for our progression.

The solution is still for Tinubu to **get alive with himself for Nigeria by Identity Consciousness and Discipline.** This is what will not make the **package of the Lagos-Calabar project** likely in its priority, costs, changing execution and defence of **what is ordinarily commendable.**

The support solution is in the **National Reorientation Education** of the Citizens on **Leadership,** to minimize to the lowest level any **anti Nigeria** orientation. Then

the government will get **open for optimal support and the transparency will attract building of governance values and cutting down governance rascality.**

**One** example is with **power**. If you take gas and kerosene for domestic works as preferable to use of firewood or coal, is the president **conscious enough to be committed to ensuring that NO HOUSEHOLD IS UNABLE TO HAVE THEM REGULARLY AND AFFORDABLY?** Does the same apply to electricity and diesel for industries and transport? The Peoples Democratic Party was **corruptly close** with the policy on provision of stoves. This is not **impossible** for non-believers to know and uphold, if they are opportune to assume leadership. And when it comes to commitment, a Muslim or Christian Leader who is **further driven by the consciousness and discipline of the scripture** should make it better and safer. This **power** connection with the citizens will neither be lost sight of nor pushed to the back seat.

The **responsibility for provision of power**, does not start, remain and end with budgetary allocations, appropriations and contract awards. The essential challenge is knowing the real deficit levels and the earliest **overcoming** of the gaps, **like responding to voters who cannot cook, light, move or do not have basics to purchase**. It will not be responsive to be expressing worries, sleeping well, traveling around **for the voters to continue dying until corruption permits the provisions**.

In Nigeria, **if** this is connected to land, raining season, farming and related industries, it is **most unlikely** that in a term of the Governors and a President, above average impact will not be **felt**.

**This is impossible with a leader and leadership that cannot see beyond even the structure of the bureaucratic machinery available for governance**. We have daftly engaged in the **merger of ministries and organizations**. The best is by

Tinubu, with the mergers to maximize taxation and collections, under Ministry of Transport. This is the **new Ministry** of Marine and Blue Economy.

This is logically and sensibly opposed to **intuitive removal of fuel subsidy and increasing electricity tariffs along with introducing cyber security tax**. There is no way supposed inconsequential costs of renewing the Aso rock seat of the President or relocating some arms of Central Bank, Aviation and Petroleum offices etc., will not draw negative attention, when **no real governance is felt**. This is why the cost of the Lagos-Calabar coastal project is abominable at this time and status of the economy.

Consequently, the **now popular** approach of prioritizing roads, street lighting, market stalls, light rail lines etc. are only **easy money spinning ways for the leaders**. And even with these, the polity has suffered the costs of loans, over valuations, poor execution and non-execution. The trend is so destructive that, a law for probing and execution of leaders found wanting is tempting.

**But** the President and Governors are **not the only dis-enablers of our good governance**. They are only **most blameable** because they have been granted the authority to lead and account for the leadership. The bureaucratic Chiefs are similarly accounting officers. And the Legislators who play as **cots** in the processes are no less blameable, before **the private collaborators who may even be fronts**, in ‘executing’ Nigerians through the execution of public projects.

**Governance** is meeting **all needs** of the collective **in the best timely priority order**, which can be **changing** with the responsive progression of **people’s welfare**. For instance, Israel has stabilized in food security and education. Given its peculiarities, security as a constant priority is its misfortune. But governance **requires Leaders at all levels to GIVE LEADERSHIP**. These must be **persons with a COMMON**

**KNOWLEDGE, CONSCIOUSNESS AND DISCIPLINE** that is positively related to the collective identity, to drive governance, **FOR NIGERIANS.**

The President is not engaged as a **tax generator, collector and spender alone.** The definition and operation of the exclusive legislative list is a **responsible guide.** Using it for escape from **collective responsibility is senseless.** When a party (that has to be National) presents candidates and a Manifesto, there is no **separation or demarcation of responsibilities to the electorate, between the president and the governor.** And the president remains the **Boss.** This is why with setting minimum wage, the Federal Government has the **responsibility of ensuring that the difference with other states capacities is not IRRATIONAL AND SENSELESS.** The salaries and wages control establishment always tries to ensure that the difference between salary structures of organizations is related to the value of service or work, the value of the products, the risks etc. **from a common base.**

The corruption of the benefits of the doubt granted to Tinubu cannot possibly cease or reduce, with the present orientation. This is why as populist as the orientation of democracy is required to be, the June 12 address of the President was **essentially defensive of self and NOT RELATED TO GOVERNANCE.** He was more of **pleading with the military against any upturn,** by outlining the principles of democracy against dictatorship. And he stabbed himself by expressing the preference of democracy to dictatorship, **with very poor performance impact that is still degenerating.** He then plotted in the arrangement to give some legal teeth to the resolution of the minimum wage demand by the Nigeria Labour Congress. He subsequently built it up with fraternizing with the military, by praying at Dodan Barracks. And to top it, **he who as a Muslim is firstly and lastly responsible for the welfare of every Nigerian, and Muslims cannot do the sacrifice because of shared effects of corrupting our benefits of the doubt, is asking Nigerians to**

**sacrifice their rights on him and share the consequences.** It cannot be more inconsiderate and unkind.

**What about the generality of the citizens in pains?** It is difficult to understand his submissions after one year of **commitments that: WE KNOW THE PROPER WAY FORWARD AND WE SHALL TAKE IT! I SHALL ALWAYS LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE AND WILL NEVER TURN MY BACK ON YOU.** To those who scream or screamed against a Muslim Muslim presidential ticket and to the beneficiaries, **what have been Islamic about the one-year corruption?**

With **Identity Consciousness and Discipline** driving every leader at all levels and the citizens relating on the same page, we can then expect to reap optimal benefits of skills or professional practices. This **education is to be lived and not for card certification.** No professional certification can on the basis of its charter of ethics **alone, guarantee or compete with the Truths and Discipline based on the scripture guidance that we mostly claim to define our identity.**

This can be **majorly ignited within two years,** without disrupting governance and enabling it to **transform.** Governance will not require to **stop** for this education. For example, because we have established misgivings in the operational services of some security organizations, the required reorientation and adjustments will be done **without** suspending the services. **Without this EDUCATION, the dreams of Tinubu Manifesto ARE NOT REALIZABLE RESPONSIBLY. Technologies, Technocrats and Professional competence DO NOT IN THEMSELVES GUARANTEE what is good and right for the collective.** A fine professional tax collector **aide** can still rape the collections and gift millions of dollars in cash and kind to powerful associates, while helping himself with more, **without identity consciousness and discipline.** Revenue collection is for that reason not even safe.

At most, **one year failures are sufficient to compel URGENT adjustments and change, informed by RE-EVALUATING SELF AND TRANSFORMING WITH THE REQUIRED REORIENTATION AND DISCIPLINE.** The livelihood of Nigerians is **neither for gaming nor experimentation with their resources at the pleasure of the leaders.**

**After the general expressions of the abuse of the benefits of the doubt, over the period of one year, the President, the Leaderships across the country, including the ruling party and the opposition, cannot be EXCUSED FURTHER on the ground of either being Ignorant, Naive, or Innocent. It will simply mean that they are NOT GENUINE CREATURES AND ARE REALLY INCAPABLE OF LEARNING, UNDERSTANDING AND ADJUSTING FOR OUR COLLECTIVE GOOD.** At best, we will say that **THEY ARE NOT A HONEST COLLECTION.**

Consequently, the rational and sensible **challenge** that will **remain** with us to deal with will be **WHY HAD WE BEEN FAILING AND STILL FAILED?** This is because given the present settings and both the Leaders and the Polity, **the orientation driven by our relevant or applicable identity consciousness and discipline is the deficiency we need to make up.** If the humans of Nigeria are the objective for welfare and security, **no technology, technocracy, professionalisms, loans, transplants or copies can achieve, without the identity of the people becoming alive.** Nigerians need to be both satisfied and fulfilled. And **EDUCATION** is the only **MEANS** of making up this deficit, this poverty.

To be sure, both the Leaderships of the opposition and their ad-hoc intermittent offerings **will not do better than Tinubu.** And the simple justification is that, they are **either ignorant, innocent, naive or blind to the real experiential exposures**

**of BEING THE PRESIDENT.** For instance, Buhari was exposed to the power and sweetness of money, to be resisted and beat those already in it into the queue of moderation for collective responsibility. He was consumed by a combination of threats and entitlement. He was further exposed to the pomp of power and praises, requiring him to use and check for his trust of collective responsibility. He was imprisoned in self security. Tinubu that is used to money now appears to carelessly need more and is going into the inner cells of power and praises prison. This is why Nigerians and Buhari were right in rubbishing Jonathan back to Obasanjo. This is why Nigerians, the PDP and Tinubu really regretted ever having Buhari. This is why Sowore woke up from his dream for a revolution and returned to the United States. This is why Nigerians are now more than regretting the one year of Tinubu. **THIS IS WHY JUST RETURNING TO THE CERTIFIED RUBBISH OF THE PDP IS NOT A SOLUTION. NEITHER THE LEADERS NOR THE POLITY HAS CHANGED OR RECOVERED FROM THE DEFICIENCIES.**