

## REVIEWER'S REPORT

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**Title: Local Government Autonomy: A Way of Discouraging Political Apathy among the Electorates in Nigeria.**

### Recommendation:

Accept as it is .....

Accept after minor revision.....Yes.....

Accept after major revision .....

Do not accept (*Reasons below*) .....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		•		
Techn. Quality		•		
Clarity	•			
Significance		•		

Reviewer Name: Dr Musssaib Rasool Mir

### Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

(To be published with the manuscript in the journal)

The manuscript highlights one of the major problems confronting a poorly governed Nigeria. Elections have been a façade in the hands of the politicians who donot care about their populations and hence their participation in elections. Democratic decentralisation as the paper shows is merely a dream in Nigeria. The author/ s have also explained at length the connection between responsive grassroots governance and voter turnout. The research underscores the critical role of local government autonomy in revitalizing Nigeria's democratic processes. The authors voter apathy study reveal a deep-seated distrust in Nigeria's electoral system, fueled by corruption, voter suppression, and perceived inefficiency.

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### **Detailed Reviewer's Report**

**Strengths:** The Authors have done a commendable job both by way of putting the arguments and by picking such an important topic for research. The strengths overweigh and overwhelm the areas of improvement. Some strengths are mentioned below:

1. Organization and Flow: the overall organization of the manuscript and flow of arguments is quite good and well structured.
2. Use of theoretical framework, clear methodology, and exposition of arguments has made it clear and easy to comprehend the problem.
3. Depth of Analysis: the headings and subheadings properly flow in a linear manner. The analysis of different factors and roles have been properly spelled out. The arguments have a logical and consistent arrangement.
4. Balance of focus: the theoretical arguments are well substantiated by use of vast sources and theoretical knowledge from scholars in this field. The secondary use of literature has done justice to the topic.
5. Clarity of language and soft transitions between the paragraphs.
6. Well referenced article as many works have been cited and used throughout the paper.

### **Weaknesses and areas of Improvement:**

All the parts of the paper have been discussed at length and made clear to the audience. However I want the authors to elaborate a bit more in the recommendation part.

Also define these two terms: Local Government autonomy and Political Apathy in the theoretical framework or you can define them at the outset in the introductory section. This will clear the idea as to what the authors are trying to do in the manuscript.

### **Overall Assessment:**

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