

Human Rights: An Overview Perspectives and Conditions That Create Problems of Human Rights and Why It Is Often Ignored by Authorities

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Abstract

Despite the declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations (UNO) which was to involve all human race as much as it is universal and logical, to ensuring Freedom, Peace, Security and right to live anywhere you are or make a living, the abuses of human rights tends to have escalated progressively, especially in African societies. In this study many factors have been considered prevalent notwithstanding the programmes, campaigns, education and the wealth of resources that have been put in place for human rights to be observed in all nations. It has been observed that colonization in the African continent is still ongoing. Progress has been slow in achieving complete democratic process. Examples have been taken from life experiences: practical witnesses and documented evidences, reports, publications on abuses. Culture, ethnicity, subjective poverty, colonial “mind set or mentality”, hypocrisy, politics, lack of education, educated illiterates and lack of adequate Human Rights campaign have been seen as factors. Human Right Education is not yet a subject under Universal Basic Education (UBE) curriculum in a majority of African societies school systems. It is only done indirectly in social and cultural studies, civic education rights and responsibilities. The children need education on this with a laboratory practice so that they grow with it – respecting the rights of the other person. Until this is done Human Rights protection, practice or observation will continue to elude many societies, especially peoples of modern Africa.

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INTRODUCTION

To be right means to be true in line with justice and reason: to be appropriate, suitable and healthy. To have right, means that these natural basics belongs to you. Human, means to be a being, homo sapient; not an object but a subject. Human Right thus means giving this being the freedom to exist in comfort, security and peace. It is his or her inalienable right to exist (civil rights) or survive anywhere he found himself on earth. It is in no one’s hand. Anything that goes against this nature, whether by man or any agent is going against human right. Human right are therefore rights we have because we exist. They are universal and not given to us by the state. They are inherent in us. It is not connected to religious, cultural or traditional rights.

Nature provides that when you nurture a plant under proper conditions, giving it what it takes in the right soil, it will grow and give food. If the same plant is treated badly it will not grow and it will give no food. For example, if the plant is not given enough nutrients and in the right ground it will not prosper. Man, is the same in his environment. Science has vindicated man as the highest or superior species of animals. He is so complex because of his reasoning power that often his reasoning system creates problem for him and his environment, influencing or affecting whatever is around him. This is the reason why man can control Elephant, Lion, Cow, Horse, Dolphin, Shark or Whale, but often find it difficult to control his fellow man, himself or his environment. Nature provided the earth with universal laws but it did not single man out of these laws. It was man who created laws for himself outside the universal laws.

When human society developed, there was this need to create laws, ruling power, customs and traditions in order to live in harmony in an environment of families. The seeming difference between man and animal apart from this example is that the animal is instinctive while man use reason. But has this reason helped man. It has helped man more that what he expected. Examples are contained in the chronology of human development which progressed from savagery to barbarism, from barbarism to civilization, from civilization to jet age, from jet age to space age and from space age to digital or generally from Analogue to digital age. But how has man dealt with his fellow man in his environment, organization or government, livelihood and social existence. How has the dealt with gender, protection of the young ones, justice, equity and fairness? The world has been the nuclear family to the wider society. Traditions have noted wild or bestial customs, examples of man's inhumanity to man in the treatment of the so called slaves conditioned by human management, women and children. On the whole, life is seen as precious unlike animals which we use as our meat. To project this human life involves a lot of factors which government promised to achieve and the reason for its leadership. Man's payment to government or to its protective bodies have been too expensive, especially in Africa. Many have paid and are still paying with their lives through wrong leadership, conquest and a lot of other media. Thus, after the world wars, the United Nations have taken the initiative and responsibility of helping human Rights to reach all human race. To protect life is a basic project but the challenges have grown and have not yet reached equilibrium with African government or met justified and equitable practice as to be compared to their counterparts in the developed worlds. In this study some courses for ignorance by authorities of African societies are examined. The purpose is to recommend a way forward which has been briefly outlined.

SOME FACTORS THAT DETERMINE OR CONDITION MANS ENGAGEMENT WITH HIS ENVIRONMENT

Man's mental process by nature makes him a selfish being because of his instinct for comfort, safety and survival. Therefore, beyond all measures he endeavors to protect himself, his values and environment. It also gave him the reason to rule, knowing that when he leads he could be comfortable, create wealth, earn respect, protected, survive and extend his empire beyond measure. The most expensive value for a man both in ancient times and in modern times is his offspring, his family, his home, his people and their way of living which includes those necessities that give them joy, entertain; keep them comfortable, like food, shelter, clothing, and security. Any outside aggression is frowned at and taken seriously

because it is a treat to his livelihood, happiness and survival. They often do not want to share or be forced to change their ways. This is a mind set and it is human. Also when they come in contact with any alien group which they think they are superior to, they tend to overpower, intimidate and dominate, explore and exploit to their advantage without considering its after effects. When blacks were taken as slaves the society may never have expected that one day a mixed black race will rule their nation.

Also the issue of mental process is a profound matter. As one would comment, "one man's meat is another man's poison." Any animal knows how to protect its young, nurse, nurture and could challenge any treat to destroy its kind. But the same animal can destroy its young or take it for food when hungry. A mother monkey in the process of picking lice from its young one's head, tasted blood and began to eat some days old monkey which she gave birth to. Some leadership is like the animal character of this mother monkey. Display of some authoritative subjugation of man against his fellow man is typical of animal nature and it majorly stems from power acquisition. Power acquisition comes in various ways. It could be empowering criminals with arms, empowering selfish individuals with political power or empowering a non-educated with economic power. It is very dangerous to reason with an illiterate, let alone giving him power to lead educated people. Thus, it has been noted that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Therefore to check man's power many machineries have been put in place which manifest positively in a democratic government. But this human quest for power, protection, freedom and safety has developed with the growth of civilization. It has resulted to power tussle of various sorts causing undue wars, genocide, segregation and all forms of problem. The human need for the good life starts from the nuclear family. The husband and wife, children, slaves or servants and to the wider society. It has also created social stratification, racial discrimination and ethnicity especially where too many groups are coming together as a race or as a mixture of races; the initial grouping has been altered and to fit into the new group becomes a problem. It is only education and Human Rights Protection education agency that can help to ameliorate this human cancer. In modern African societies the growth of the peculiar nature and dimensions of the abuse of rights which may no more see as abuse because of certain conditions is still prevalent excessively in the people's way of life. It is immensely immeasurable in modern times. Here are listed some of these conditions.

1. Culture: the practice of many cultures negates human right. For example, in a culture where it states that the first to get money in a family should hand over to the eldest; this is a denial of right. If a culture states that in a family marriages should be according to seniority, this is a denial of right. If a culture feels that whoever is physically

stronger should take over the weaker property, this is a denial of right. Intimidation and exploitation of rights especially of the naïve is an inappropriate relationship. It is cheating. This is why many are in poverty especially in underdeveloped economies. To know whether a nation is poor or rich is simple. If a majority are poor, then that nation is poor regardless of the aesthetics of its infrastructure.

In a society where men eat egg while women do not or go naked and men wear cloth because of one belief or the other is a denial of right.

Regardless of how one looks at it and despite the extent of exposure or education some individuals still holds firmly to some of their beliefs and personal predilections. It may not be easy for them to come to terms with the realities of modernity or new ways of life crying for attention. For example, most religious women frown at the word “women empowerment” or “feminism”. They feel that the foreign culture has come to intimidate their faith or beliefs as against the place of women in their society. This of course is personal enslavement. But the law has given man right to his choice of religion or culture. The contention of this exercise is that whatever you believe in or are doing should not affect or “influence” the other person. Suicide is a personal decision. But who are you leaving the corpse for. It could constitute disease and disruption of the environment. You may not be given the right to go naked whether you are sane or insane because you may influence the psych of your neighbor. It is bestial to take human life in the name of appeasing a god. He also has right to life. These are the basic rights. These laws have been made irrespective of one’s culture. These general laws must be obtained in all human races. In Africa, the killing of twins, human sacrifice, slavery, ostracizing of outcastes have been abolished through force, education and exposure by the more enlightened worlds. But it still persists in so many ways in remote areas.

“Culture shock” is seen everywhere in a global world where races are mixing up. The boundaries of ethnicity race or tribalism is being broken. Man has to accept his fellow man anywhere he is found with respect for each other’s way of life provided that way of life is not impinging on anybody’s right. This is Human Right.

Poor, wealthy, strong or weak, powerful or loose; each party should live according to its own means without oppressing the other because of superiority of position. Some cultures do not eat frog or snake, but others eat and they live in the same environment. Nobody should intimidate the other, to live his own way when there are laws guiding their existence. These laws are what is being abused. This is why most societies are lawless. The society cannot be organized as the third world until they observe these rights. With this, they will be organized and their systems will begin to work. Otherwise it will

be a dream to expect growth in the near future. Till today to have constant electricity to some countries is a farce. And this is the beginning of their industrial power that will reduce unemployment and bring wealth. It will be important to select one agenda like electricity, give it ten years to perfect and not having many agenda’s without achieving one in twenty years.

The Right of justice may have been denied because of position, power and other factors. Some believe that to earn respect from a woman you have to beat her. There is not much space in this text to list examples of modern human right abuses because of culture or beliefs.

Other Cases

One who sells a dog and buy’s a monkey still have a seated animal in his house.

ABUSE OF DIFFERENCE IN RIGHTS

The issue of power immunity keeps some at a disadvantaged position. For example, lawyers, ranked people, power influence of one sort or the other; and as selfish beings these groups practice Endeavour to practice forms of segregation or discrimination against the other group. For example, when the easterner goes to the north, he may earn the sobriquet that may mean humiliation. He goes to the west they call him another type of name; he goes to the south they call him stranger. He is molested, mocked, killed or robbed; his property called abandoned property and all forms of hate languages, even when he has not done anything. If anything happens to him the slogan is usually; he is a stranger. The indigenes are exonerated, to the extent that they insist that certain privileges will be the exclusive right of indigenes and not for strangers. The authorities or task force who are also indigenes cover and maintain this practice.

Abuse of office Rights

The term “show appreciation,” become a tradition that one feels that one is wicked or ungrateful if one does not comply with this principle – If a staff has to look for your file or carry out his or her normal service, one must show “appreciation” otherwise one is regarded as ungrateful and wicked and the service may not be delivered as appropriate. This is a warped mindset. Often some show appreciation even before the “help” is given. This help is the job for which the so called “helper” is paid for. Some claim that their salary is small. Thus the agents make up by collecting “pure water” money whether the giver is a culprit or not; if he is a culprit, the moment he does justice to the receiver, he passes with his booty or crime. In this life style the issue of region does not count. It is no sin.

The 70s and 80s Christians were more objective and heavenly minded. And if you see a true Christian, it will be obvious. They do not preach prosperity as such. Thus

they look poorly dressed because they do not emphasize outward appearance and material wealth. Now they know that there is money in serving God and do not want to go to heaven anymore; some now emphasize wealth and commit all sorts of crime. Nevertheless, no one is holy except God. But one can be innocent

The poor and especially the uneducated may not be aware of his right. He does not know he has any right. He may not have the resources to claim his right. For example, the police caught a robber carrying property around 2am; the robber claimed that he is packing to his new apartment. When they got to the apartment the neighbors identified him a robber. The security agents took over the property; the owner who travel could not claim the property, because of a lot of factors which bother on his financial incapability. It becomes security property under auction or booty for the security officials.

“Do we need to get to a rehab to learn how do the right thing?” In most cases doing the right thing is natural.

JUNGLE JUSTICE

In most societies, up till today “Jungle Justice” prevails. This is not proper; but because of the failure of the security agents to protect lives and property, uprisings are imminent.

Everyone is free if one is not in any way infringing on the other person’s right, emotionally, physically or otherwise.

Doing the Wrong Thing: doing the wrong thing is abuse of one’s right.

What is the Right Thing? The law is often not complete and at some time hypocritical. This is where it needs amendment from time to time and according to the demand of time or new developments. The right thing often follows norms of a particular society.

“**culture shock**” is a right provided it does not disturb another. If there is only one man living on earth then there may be no need for rights and wrong. But man has no right to injure himself deliberately because he did not create himself. Even the scriptures condemn that and made it one of the topical sins. No man has the right to take his or another’s life.

Child Abuse in most cases seems to be a tradition in Africa both in ancient times and modern time. The only difference is that in the modern time it is indirectly practiced and most of the time ignorantly by the people especially at superior positions like adults irrespective of religious or position. The direct ones are the more visible and the one talked about. There should be a wakeup call on the agencies to educate people on their rights. Some are afraid because they don’t have security. Thus, such rights will continue to derail. A female house help of about 8 years boldly went to the police station near their residence and reported the mistress from maltreating her.

She was starving and beating the girl unnecessarily. She was brought from the village and has nobody to complain to, that will listen to her. This was what she was taught in the school during their civic studies class. She had no option. Yet after the report and the apprehension, she continued to live with her mistress.

Most parents use their children for domestic trafficking. They hand over their daughters and receive favour from their acquaintance behind. The painful aspect of this trend is that those used are still minors or underage. Those being used may have no idea of what is happening. This is abuse of the Childs right. Education is needed here.

PROVISIONS OF THE LAW

What is the right Thing? Doing the right thing is a golden rule and that is human right. What is the wrong thing? To cheat, to steal, to rob, kill, to manipulate, to rape, to humiliate. What is the right thing: to love, to give, to forgive, to be humble, to share and to maintain peace.

What is the right thing may be relative according to societies. But there are basic realities (which may not be true) that seem right which is universal. As a golden rule, “do unto others what you want others to be done to you.” What is good is good regardless of human selfishness. When Christ asked Peter, “Do you love me?” Peter was angry because why should his master whom he has scarified his job, family and cares for years ask him such a question. But Christ knows the selfish nature of man and how deceptive human mind can be. Christ asked Peter this question three times. At the end Christ said. “If you love me, keep my sheep.” Which sheep? Who are the sheep? Neighbours, fellow humans. The reality was that Christ was preparing Peter for the continuation of the work of love which He came to instill in man but unknown to Peter, Peter was focusing only on Christ and the heavenly things while on earth; but it is the earth that will qualify Peter or anyone else for the eternal life which Peter was hoping for. Without this certificate, let no one expect heaven. Taking the other persons burden without discrimination, sacrificing for one another, irrespective of race, religion, ethnic group, social class, rank, gender and education; committing oneself to common good, commonwealth, faith, charity, forgiveness, developing one another in love. Biologically we are all the same, a specie of one human race and family. Civilization has brought us this far and we should realize the need to live together, accept each other without discrimination or cheating anyone; the world of Africa will be a better place to live in if these rights are realized. Massive education is necessary to achieve this. But the kind of education on ground is not giving the results as expected because it is based on its face value instead of its intrinsic value. Power belongs to the people. Peter could not have loved only Christ. If

he was the only one to go to heaven, how will he enjoy heaven alone? Without people, without your brothers and sisters life will be boring and meaningless; some are tall, some short, some black, some yellow, white, brown or black, some are weak, some are strong, some educated, some illiterate, but they are all in your family when you return from a journey; you buy present for them and they will be happy to receive you and in their midst you are happy. There is no happiness and enjoyment more than this. You cannot be happy alone. There is joy in giving, in living together, and helping people without expecting reward. Those that are antagonistic to this ideal need mercy and reform. It is the job of this reform that those who are already free in the spirit and mind should struggle for, by charging their governments to institute a strong body to apprehend contrary individuals regardless of their reason and look for a platform to educate them to imbibe the truth and the reality that no religion or civilization is beyond the institution of love and mankind; that nature has provided everything the earth needs; it is only for human agency to harness it.

The upright (not the “innocent”) need protection in this case, but who will protect them. The law may not have such the power of protection.

Mindset: conditioned by colonial government: orientation tends to form the background of many people. They believe what they are taught or see. For example, a youth saw force as a sign of manhood. He saw how his father batter his mother. He could deny others their right because he thinks he is stronger. He could decide anything without the peoples will and without the people being aware that they have been denied their right. The stronger should protect the weaker and not to exploit. This is what happens in a class of animals. But we are not animals.

Colonial Mentality simply means trying to assume the character of colonial masters without actually representing that character in the real sense. Till today, most of these colonized sates are still after the characteristics of their colonial masters as models or standards. In reality, they want to be and like them but they cannot behave like them.

They are taken after how the colonial masters treated them. Thus it becomes a model for elitism, especially in leadership and control of national resources.

MINDSET CONDITIONED BY COLONIAL “MENTALITY”

Those who claims to have imbibed western culture believe that they are elites and they will always prove the superiority of western culture, behaving as foreigners in their own native land. When they are in power they threat others as slaves, just as the colonial masters treated their subjects as objects during slavery and in the colonial governments. This attitude is beyond their religious

background especially where some are seen as misfit or fit, as those whose status and power is designed by God. Therefore, they must be obeyed. It is like in some parts of the societies where if you are a foreigner, you will be treated as such to such an extent that the term “he is a stranger” is used in any ill operation. If a stranger is killed there is no problem, he is a “stranger.” Then the others are indigenes. This happens in a society where they believe they are elites, enlightened people, of modern generation. To this there is a consciousness of human struggle with the belief that one must hustle for life in one way or the other where the end result must be success. So far as you succeed you are accepted; if you steal or kill to do that. Everybody believes that one must not straightforward and to “make it” one must without taking such risks. To cheat is to be smart provided you are not caught. Even if you is the consciousness in their power struggle. In a que, many will want to go first. It is foolishness for anyone to wait for a turn. But if everybody should think this way it may not be possible for all to pass through a narrow door once. One must give way for the other. This is the mentality of a society. You must cheat to succeed. In an office where there is a director that did not have a basic education let alone, in his area of operation, the tendency is that he will deny many their right and that organization is bound to be unproductive. Their only savior is that in most societies, the central government covers such organization from successful branches.

Those who believe they know it all, or the socially exposed, tend to oppress the timid and intimidate subconsciously inferior individuals in a locality. Many of these timid individual may not have know their right. Even when they know their right, the right of protection is not guaranteed. In most African societies of the modern era, there is no security in the real sense. One may not be courageous enough to apprehend a criminal, for fear of reappraisal attack which often involve’s one’s life.

A woman who has her sisters child as her house help maltreats the child because she thinks she is superior to her sister who is poor. If her less privileged talks she can put her in prison. Therefore she has the right to abuse her sisters child. She can expose the child to the brothels, or send her to hawk, yet the same woman is a matron or patron in one of the city congregations.

Subjective Poverty: some civil workers salary are below poverty line. Their right to be comfortable as servants of the state is denied. The result of all these denial of rights produces subjective poverty of a greater population of the society with many educated individuals.

Those who cry for human right are abusers in their own right. Mental colonialism is a bane of the educated and lack of education the bane of those who take laws into their hands or judge based on their orientation and beliefs. They are also right in their own thinking.

Allocation of Land: those who claim to be indigenes

claim their land beyond measure. But why sell the land to a “stranger” in the first place; you cannot eat your cake and have it. In their wisdom, they want their land developed. It is not proper to continue to lay claim to a land sold on the bases of being an indigene. The word stranger becomes a negative word in this context. It is a hate language and an abuse of right.

Human nature and Human Right: human nature is often hypocritical when one who is crying for freedom attains freedom one may have the tendency of enslaving others reliving his experience of slavery or bondage. Therefore human right should be spelt out according to context, environment, development or society otherwise, human nature may not permit a good example of maintaining freedom for all humanity. “We are by nature free but everywhere in claims,” Emotionally, mentally and physically. We only control that bestial nature of man based on our education, extent of our exposure, awareness or civilization.

TRADITION AND MARRIAGE

Till today practice of some inhuman treatment based on traditional beliefs is still practiced in Africa. Some leaders are part of this practice. In a society where subjective poverty created abject poverty, there is bound to be undue competition which breed cheating nicknamed “smartness”, favoritism, bribery, ethnicity, tribalism and all sorts negative conditions that prevents healthy human environment and growth.

Women unknown to most men take the coverage of marriage to maltreat their men because it has been established that the man must take care. Therefore any responsibility the man could not meet will be blamed on him. It has been tied to a claim because gender focus is against him on the rights or duties of either party. Most men cannot claim their right here. The law will always be against him because of his gender position especially in the family.

Rape: this act comes in various dimensions against wives or practiced by terrorist groups, miscreants and peer pressure. Although most victims are architects of this crime against them which is an exercise of animal nature in man which civilization and education could put man in control, it is often used by unscrupulous minds. It is a denial of right not to do justice to such reported incidents. Every human has inalienable right to its body.

Cultism: there is barn on cult activity but there are many fraternities that tow the same line which are not considered cult and they are everywhere on campuses. Students are the most targeted group in this case.

Employment: The rate of unemployment is evidently high. The government may not have up to 60% of its citizens under employment; where are the rest employed especially in an unindustrialized society.

Thus opportunists use this medium to attract people into their negative businesses like ritual killing, kidnap, rape, production of illegal babies for sale, human trafficking, robbery and other ill vices. This is why on street walls and other platforms there are phone numbers asking for employment, that reads thus. “Job vacancy, salary attractive.” One does not know which is real and which is not. Some naïve Job seekers jump to this call and meet their doom. Any advertisement of employment must be licensed because of the deception and tragedies of modern society. It should be under government authority even if it is not given by government. To protect the citizen, an advert written on the latrine walls, trees or street walls cannot be decent.

Also on street walls, trees and other platforms are posters of agencies that can give different types of power. Power to marry or have canal knowledge of any female, touch and follow, power to rule, power to do what I say, power to be rich etc. These adverts, attract abuse of human right. Leadership protects the citizens from evidences of such deception otherwise it is no leadership. Some may say that such adverts are personal positive authorities should make such adverts civil offence if not licensed; the citizenry should be protected from all forms of adverse, negative or false representation that can lead to human abuse. This is a basic fundamental human right. To protect the innocent, naïve, less privileged, disabled, people with special need, people that are weak, the old women and children.

Internet: man y activities go on in the internet. cult activities or interaction is on the high rise among students in tertiary. Institution; international agencies should rise to abrogate these features. Most of the terrorist activities develop from such membership or cult groups and many are exposed to it deficiency. Decent users have the right of protection against cyber crime.

Religion: religion hinges on spiritualism and cannot be tested in most cases, using it as a heritage to stop some positive actions, is denial of right.

Religion, tend to run pari pasue with culture because it thrives on belief systems. There is no human race that had no culture or religion. But the developed world’s are great because they have outlived theirs after so many battles with civilization. Africa has the opportunity and blessing to stand on this pedestal of growth, faster than the time it took them to grow. Man has used the platform of religion to cause problem for himself. Until religion leaves secular leadership, the society may continue to be subjugated under one kind of system that stalks growth as we had the Dark ages. Till today human government is still fighting religious bigotry because under these systems the rights of man has been denied. Religion has been used as a deceptive mechanism to hold people to attention, loyalty and exploitation. Denial or these rights encourage the platform for corruption and many other ill vices.

Ethnicity: This is sectionalism. There may be many tribes in an ethnic society. At the federal character level, some could be denied their right based on ethnic orientation or tribe. Thus in order to obtain services which should be a right, one may be advised to change ones name so that one will be accepted or received. Quota system has been designed to create a balance with the less privileged whose ideas or religious inchoation may be against that system. In most cases these efforts are wasted in the sense that it cannot achieve the required result since the intended group cannot appreciate its provision because it is against their religious or cultural ethics. In the same way resources are wasted in materials that may not be maintained. Many on merit list may be denied because of their descent.

LACK OF ACCESS TO HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

Human Right as a subject of study has not been considered a priority attention in most curriculum design. It has not been comprehensively stated, examined and entrenched in the consciousness of the people, especially from the Universal Basic Education level. Majority of issues, despite the standard of enlightenment has been based on culture or religion. And most of these cultures are inimical to human nature especially in the modern society. Most cultures or traditions may not be amenable with the digital systems especially in using it to access their traditions. For example, those who worship the sun not minding modernity may see those using the solar plate as an abuse of their God with paying rent to the sun. They may be secretly planning to destroy any individual that uses the system in order to respect or protect their God. Most of the understanding of right to some cultural individuals is based on culture. They may not have been taught that all humanity is equal and has the right of existence provided the individual does not infringe on others right despite where he found himself. We only respect each other's choice of food. If we worship one God, then no human has the right to want to protect his God. Otherwise, there are many Gods to many people, with their different nature and will always be at war with each other. Let the battle be for the gods or God.

In a most justified form or perspective, all men born to this earth are equal in nature and the earth is their blessing while he has to share with his fellow creatures. He should not be overtly antagonistic to nature including, animals, plants and the ground.

In a congregation, three female ushers were attending to the members, one left her phone on the table to attend to visitors. One of them stole the phone. When the matter got to a priest outside the congregation he prayed that the spirit that made her to steal the phone leaves her. After two days the girl stealthily went to keep the phone inside

the locker of the owner. She avoided the congregation for some time. Although nobody accused her she has the right to defend herself.

Lack of access to human Rights Education: this is not taken seriously. Thus many do not know their rights especially the illiterates. When an action is repeated, whether it is wrong or right, it is accepted as a norm. This is wrong. It is dangerous to reason with an illiterate because he understands only the language of his people, philosophy and environment. He is not exposed, and many of the young people fall into this class.

Politics: The term politics has simply been defined in the oxford advanced learner's Dictionary 6th edition as the "use of 'power' in public life, and being able to influence decisions that affect a country or a society", the use of power within a particular organization – policy – the form or process of government". All these explanations of politics points to the very verb that stimulates action which may be negative or positive. The use of this power has been abused in modern societies and it has cause profound untold crisis, wars, apartheid, genocide, muting and all forms of social turmoil. Yet part of its enabling existence, in most societies is base on cultural orientation or religion.

There is this excise of power in any group of people or organization, from the family unit to the broad social centers. The superiority power and all forms of power and social stratification can never be ignored when the issue of civil power or politics is mentioned. This why in this study, it has been clearly stated that those who cry for their own rights, abuse others rights by intimidation and many other ways. Most of us do not know our right, because of the way the environment has created other rights based on individual preference or culture.

Hypocrisy: Hypocrisy of most institutions: individuals, and makers of the law, all go to depict the inadequacies of mankind. An adage criticize some people who act as being in league but go behind as accomplice to a foul deed, yet come out to cry more that the bereaved and conduct the complete burial rights for it. Human nature is self centered, thus it becomes difficult often for him to let go unless he stops breathing and have no sense of life. When we say civilized, only those who have been able to live outside self has the opportunity to experience an environment of harmony, justice, and peace otherwise, problems will continue to emanate from keeping that environment and maintaining a comfortable and viable human relationship. It is not only wealth that ensures development but human positive actions that stimulate the agents of wealth to successfully manifest. In such a community, there must be honesty, trust, justice, and fairness, equal Human Rights based on the dimensions and levels of participation, commitment and levels of contribution.

There is every evidence of the human right laws but it is often only in theory because those who teach it or make the laws tend abuse it.

Right to freedom: What is freedom? We are free but everywhere in chains.” But who can define freedom in its right perspectives. Freedom is a relative term. Freedom can be negative or positive. In this context it needs a definition that can ensure observance of Human Right. You may not give a child the freedom to kill itself. There has been no right to suicide. It will be insanity on the part of the society that gives that kind of Rights.

The freedom most importantly pliable among human nature is the freedom to exist, conditioned by modern agents, approved by the government. A serial killer is crying for freedom in the prison; a child is crying for freedom to smoke hemp. Who is denying each other’s right. If smoking hemp will make the smoker kill people then the smoker is abusing people, denying their right of existence. Those stopping him from the right to be free to smoke hemp and abuse people have not abused their right of freedom. The Oxford learners dictionary describes freedom as the right to do or say what you want without anyone stopping you.

For example, the government has a law that spells the rights of a citizen, but when an offender is apprehended, he may bribe the security agents to be free. When you are not bound, when you are not limited, you are free. The sense of freedom is relative. It has been abused in a most negative way in most African societies.

In a town an individual passed a road that leads to the shrine that is so much respected, without knowing that he is on the wrong way; he was caught and apprehended to show respect to the deity.

Freedom becomes a farce when people live in fear.

Mental Illness: This condition of human life comes in very many dimensions. Thus, there is no human that is not susceptible to this state of mind. The readily noticeable are those who have utterly gone out of the general lifestyle into a more dangerous characteristics, otherwise many people in many occasions are involved in this condition. Yet, they may be our leaders, or people at the helm of affairs or our society. This study recommends that any would be leader, especially of modern government offices in any of the units, branch or sections, including the general head must be tested of the state of mind with his mental history or record before assumption of office, power or area of influence because his decision or influence will go a long way to affect his establishment positively or negatively. Some leaders abuse narcotics, indulge in pedophile and all forms of abuse. They serve the society and are expected to live exemplary lives. The people have the right to protest to this kind of leader.

Right to be Ill: Some are ill not of their own making. Even if it is of their own making, they still have right to exist as long as they still breath. People discriminate on different bases. The attitude can abuse the right of the ill person especially when the illness is not a contagious one. People can be quarantined for this purpose. Someone who has worked for an organization for a long time fell ill and was hospitalized for weeks. One of the authorities

suggested that since he is of no use to the organization for weeks that he should be laid off.

Right to be less privileged: The deaf, dumb, motherless, autistic the Down syndrome is inclusive. Many are less privileged not because of their own making but because of circumstances. Discrimination based on disability is an abuse of right.

Temperament: temperament is an aspect of human right but should not be allowed to cause problem to others rights.

Psychological trauma: the right to be free from obscenity: obscene pictures especially those exposed to public spaces, violence and other emotional fits caused by the environment. security operatives could be active in this regard.

Class Struggle: there should always be fair play in the case where the assumed upper class intimidates the rights of those below them in business and in many other ways. Some owe their workers indefinitely because they know they cannot do anything. Even in an open class system, there is always a way the class struggle try to maintain and protect their class and deny many the right of belonging to the group by discriminating against them in many ways like in employment, education and other benefits.

Education: this is indirectly denied especially at tertiary levels by the exorbitant prices.

CONCLUSION

In as much as these discourses are wide and controversial, the underlying point is that the agency that should prejudice abuse of right has not been defined completely in the organization of governments and societies in Africa. The so called authorities are built up by the same mechanisms that do not accept some of the definitions of human right by the modern world because it is against their own cultural institution. Also those that fight human right group are destroying the very fabric of those they want to protect. They have to support this group to exist, to be free, to have their rights restored and preserved. There is hope for them. They have to appreciate the foresight of the human right provisions and groups and not to destroy it.

Recommendations

The UNO should reschedule their agenda, reappraise some decisions and focus attention on the grassroots. There is so much deception, exploitation and cheating of rights. Human Rights should be a compulsory course of study through the secondary to tertiary institution. Rehabilitation of the abused minds of the growing societies should also be considered through re-education.

There is work to be done to arrest this situation to a nominal stage and a template should be designed to check likely growing trend in human right abuses now we are abreast with the challenges of the digital age.

Positively aggrieved people are making statements through so many means and dimensions, especially, violence. This group of people needs education on the unnecessary nature of human abuse. They are abusing the society regardless of their grievances. On the other side, those who are negatively aggrieved out of lack of education, and wrong mentality or orientation also need education. It is this second party that the society and government should tighten their belt on, deal with and correct.

Organizations and governments have to speed up attention to protect the society especially through education and campaign. Through proper education some of these human obligations will get to the roots for peace, justice and harmony: protesters, miscreants and people with wrong information and orientation can be cultured through special attention more than the need for their personal development because they form the bulk of major abusers.

Emphasis on Educational research: Questionnaires, sampling population can determine how people reason. Influences abound. False life, pride, superiority ego among people living in an area where economic class struggle holds sway may be entangled in inhuman acts. It is often very risky and dangerous to associate on a reasoning level with an illiterate; with one who is non-educated or with the wrong education.

Some cultures still contradict the modern world in terms of what is right or wrong. The modern world with a secular state does not operate on the platform of superstition which often ignores inhuman practice as a form of sacrifice or a way of life dependent on what they assume is right before a deity. For example, in the modern world it may not be right to go naked where everyone is wearing cloth. But some cultures may permit only the adults to wear cloth based on the belief in one divinity or the other and regard it as a divine instruction.

The golden rule is a best option. Pinch yourself before others. That is the right thing. That is what is right. In Chinua Achebe's *Arrow of God*, the people were waiting for Ezeulu who was the only man who could announce the date for the New Yam festival so that others can begin to unearth and eat the new yam. Before this announcement no one does. Ezeulu was in detention and the yams were roasting under the sun. Following Wintabota's advice, the new converts unearthed the yam and brought it to the Church and nothing happened to them.

Social Justice

Social justice thrives on human right. Many who are in government and are in positions of authority bring their customs or cultures to the office and many other influences leaving the official rules that is the blue print of the office. There are so many discrepancies, cheating and manipulations of officers because they do not belong to the class. A simple example can be given when some are employing persons based on criteria outside the

general rule. For example, some are giving positions or employment according to personality, age or class, even in the placement of levels without reference to qualification. Allowances and social amenities are shared or distributed according to class, affiliation or family tie. Allowances are paid according to preference. There are often deviation from the general rules and principles to discretionary practice which is often based on denial of the right of the less privileged. The state character may not adequately characterize its true policy status quo, representations and responsibilities which is wrongly attached to a lopsided quota system.

Emotion, falsehood, abnormal or unhealthy creed, superstition, false humanitarian shadow, undue cultural rights should be expunged from human rights; otherwise it becomes an abuse of rights. Modern world government is a secular government and should be governed by secular laws and rights.

On Land Matters

Some cultures provides that if you are in a land case empty-handed, the one with the yam will be planting his yam in the said land. Well, if you say that the land is no man's land it depends on how many portions one can cultivate in a community. It becomes one's own because one has been cultivating the same land over time. But in our modern world of today, government own the land, even if you have a title to it. If the above example should apply as some court judgment would have it, then there is no law, otherwise the law is prejudiced. This is going back to the barbaric or savagery period. Some courts of today in most of the third world societies may prejudice the truth through discrimination and give false judgment.

The owner of a land continue to own the land until government says otherwise and in that case must be compensated; not an individual taking the law into his hands because he feels he has the yam, when the land actually belongs to somebody else who he feels superior to by physical power, finance or other edges. This is barbaric and the judgment becomes barbaric if justice is given to the wrong person. Some would say, if he cannot develop it why not allow others. But lands are today on lease or a certain number of years. In this way many people forcefully claim lands that does not belong to them.

One has the right to choose whom to serve. It cannot be by force, otherwise, till the end of time, contentions will ever remain the same. Ignorance of the non-educated, the poor and the less privileged especially in the rural population should be re-orientated in the human rights laws through basic education.

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