

THE PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS OF THE NIGERIA POLICE FORCE IN AN URBANIZING COMMUNITY (ADO EKITI AS A CASE STUDY)

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ABSTRACT

The research work is geared towards examine the public perceptions of the Nigeria police force in an urbanizing community. It aimed in addressing the relationship between the Police and the citizen, and also addressed the stereotype faced by the police, depression and examining if people like to associate themselves with a police personnel. Police are not well motivated both by the government and the people of the society in Nigeria. The research method of data collection based on methodological approaches, structured questionnaires. The aim of the research is to access the problems and provide possible solution, public education and enlighten on perception of police and ways individuals and group of people can amend to ensure the Nigeria Police Force serves it purpose and provides adequate security and orderliness for the society. The total sample size for the study was two hundred and fourteen (214) for quantitative data. Descriptive statistics of frequencies and percentages in tabulation format. The research findings revealed majority of the respondents perceived the police has unfriendly to the public in the study area and lacks confidence in the police. Thus, the study recommends that government and Non-Government should organise Sensitization exercise in addressing relationship that exists between the public and personnel of the Nigerian police force. Again, the Police Force should be well equipped to perform its functions well and in compliance with the rule of law.

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