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Abstract

The culture of patrimony in pollicising is increasingly failing acceptance test in developing world as clamour inclusiveness in law enforcement continue to gain grounds. Although the topic of women police has been fairly marginal in police studies in Nigeria, however, many of the problems of modern law enforcement corruption, excessive force and neglect of victims are closely associated with the male dominated nature of police work. The available research evidence supports the idea that policing would be considerably improved in many areas were the proportion of women police much more representative of their proportion in the general population. The research therefore examines the social dynamics of women policing in Nigeria: back door to equality. The study engages the appraisal framework (AF) together with the socio-cognitive and dialectical-relational approaches to Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) in its methodology. Preliminary report reveals that despite arguments about improved police work, governments has not encouraged women fairly enough into policing on equity grounds.

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