

**LEADERSHIP, SEPARATIST/SECESSIONIST AGITATIONS AND
PROSPECT FOR NATIONAL UNITY IN NIGERIA**

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ABSTRACT

Insecurity is one of, if not the most visible and widely discussed issue in contemporary Nigeria. Throughout the country, acts of insecurity occur on a regular basis. Nigerians are deeply concerned about this troubling trend. This study investigates the core reasons of insecurity in Nigeria and their consequences for the country. The study also examines the role of leadership and the sprouting of insurgency and separatist groups such as (Boko Haram, Niger Delta Avengers, MASSOB, IPOB, the Fulani herders conflict among others) and how it has affected the unity of the nation overtime. The study argues that leadership failure and structural dysfunction are the major triggers that led to the emergence of these separatist's groups. The study, offers/suggests measures to address these insecurities in the country. This study adopted descriptive and analytical method of historical research.

KEYWORDS: *Dysfunction, Consequences, contemporary*

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