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Modified Northern Common Centre Theory: An Attendant Issue on Origin and Migration of Ndiigbo in the early 21st Century-Linguists Contribution.

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ABSTRACT

The controversies bedeviling the question of uniqueness, identity and assimilation of people of Africa, which are borne out of the consequences of humanity's quest for survival that have sparked off several noted revolutions, have given birth to the clarion call for a methodological cum systematic approach to the roots and branches of various peoples of the earth. The recent upsurge for self determination and referendum among distinct ethnic and linguistic groups need not be nipped in the bud; rather the attendant issue of showcasing genuine identities of peoples has become very relevant. In this early 21st Century, the challenges of directing and redirecting dynamics of Igbo Civilization characterized by its autochthonous and primordial parlance of Ndiokpu na Ndiegede, projected lucidly in terms of self determination/Biafra Restoration and intent motivation for Ndiigbo to exhibit an inherent urge to develop resources towards contributing their quota in the domain of Globalization and current Development Goals (SDGs), spurs us to Sustainable revisit some noted theories on the origin and migration of the Igbo. This paper tends to reassess the Northern Common Centre Theory; as among the most popular Schools of Thought on ground. We intend to identify some of the aberrations and most confusing statements about Igbo origin and migration that have been in vogue in some quarters. It is also an effort at appraising some honest inputs made by Scholars both indigenous and expatriates on Igbo History and authentic commitments to human existence. The fruit of this study is expected to correct anomalies among scholars who carry wrong notions about Ndiigbo to redress their steps, especially those who are at the top echelon of scholarship but are dearth of systematic and qualitative academic endeavours, less reality be wronged perennially and Igbo Civilization that has ab initio carved a niche in the global atlas might witness lamentable retardation.

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INTRODUCTION

century is more more extending its tentacles to other areas of scholarship. It is indeed embracing the various fields human endeavours as tools for advancement and furtherance of its attendant motive towards achieving sustainable development goals. the 21st century and the 3rd millennium could be said to be motivated by the looming challenges of interdisciplinary realities of achieving the required their lucid interface on synergy or ground. In the same Linguistics a relatively as discipline spearheaded by the Swiss born Linguist, Ferdinand de Saussure (1857-1913), has become a science

be reckoned with as rapidly extending its spheres into of other domains discourse and diverse problems in relation to the unprecedented scope and applicability in language related matters and information communication technologies (ICTs). Today, the obvious phenomenal strides migration and emigration among peoples, no doubt spurs conscientious to raise questions minds on raison d' etre of such movements. made cogent when it is This is undoubtable that challenges traditionalnotionofaborigines, citizenshi p,indignity,domicile hybridization. The latent cinareo makes ethnologists,

historians, geographers and Linguists make enquires about hostcommunities. survival of environmental degradation and preservation of those humanrelated issues such as cultural heritage, preservation of the people's authentic histories, arts. religions, linguistic literatures, philosophies, or worldviews, performances and the totality of their existence. Most probably we may allege that it is as a result of negligence on the part of the individuals to tackle this problems for decades that could have led to an upsurge of agitations among races and ethnic nationalities towards the recurrent moves for self determination and revisiting the configuration in the guise of formerly identified nations and since it is obvious countries, that unexamined life is not worth living. Succinctly, the issue of Restoration that has surfaced at its peak calls for thorough а investigation on their status quo in the global community and among the League of Nations. Maybe, possible that an in-depth investigation so not been made far with puzzles surrounding regard to the the origin, migration and settlement of Ndiigbo, or that an appropriate theory or hypothesis has not been used to address some of the controversies recycling around the issue in question. desire to pick Modified The a Northern Common Centre Theory

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[2].

In systematic discourse, theorem (or theories) takes a prominent place. This is so because human knowledge is boundless and its horizon remains inexhaustible. Thus theories when viewed broadly are statements that can be proved by logical deduction from a set of axioms. Thus once proved, it can be used to prove other theories system build theories. to a of Theories can also have some levels of relatedness with hypothesis especially in scientific work, which are propositions assumed to be true but are put forward to account for and order a body of facts. However, in core scientific contexts. hypotheses are seldom capable of direct test but tested indirectly by deducing

Longinus and Onuora of noted theories out hypotheses, is aimed at presenting a picture that could help in forging unity among the Igbo, nay Africa, a once neglected continent and even help in reshaping the thinking pattern of the global community that currently bedeviled by one form of struggle, call it referendum: for either autonomy or secession or even unification. Hence, the choice using linguistic correspondences and sameness is borne out of the fact that according to Adiele Afigbo renowned historian and quintessential personality of Igbo studies; the problem of the origin of the Igbo -Speaking peoples and how they came to occupy that portion on where we now find them "... cannot hope to reach definite conclusions until more evidence is thrown up by linguistic and archeological research" [1]. The avowed attestation by a personality of this repute less attracts our attention to the fact that such insight had not received due It also provokes us to assessment. from the current advantages trends arising derived from the from the reawakened consciousness regard with to the revolutions sparked off in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries in the field scholarship. This is appropriately projected under the epoch known as Linguistic turn or literary Revolution

consequences that are directly testable. When they are favorable, the topic are said to confirm the hypothesis. Logically, since hypothesis implies consequences and since propositions can be implied only by false propositions, a single negative instance can invalidate a hypothesis. However, since hypotheses are actually parts of systems of propositions, they are usually parts of propositions. Indeed, a theory or hypothesis can be sometimes saved by making suitable adjustments elsewhere in the system. This brings us to the issue in our discourse with regard to the use of the word "Modified". What it entails is that the Northern Common Centre Theory has been in vogue

universally and specifically on Igbo origin and migration. What we tend to put across here is that a theory hypothesis can be acceptable when it does in fact explain the body fact in question or is so formulated that consequences mav be logically deduced from it. It can also manifest consistency with existing well confirmed norm. At this point, the theory question would appear more fruitful than some already exiting theories in accounting for a longerrange of facts, as well as in motivating scholars for further lines of enquiry. Hence, that upheld theory despite that it appears clearer can also he more economical than other existing theories. This economic parlance makes the facts surrounding to equally argument be well confirmed. It is important to state that in pure and applied sciences, it characteristic of their nature hypothesis that no presumed to be so certain as never to be subjected to possible revision or rejection. In this sense, the whole of science is hypothetical. This is why a study can be observational and could not show conclusively that a theory or hypothesis is certain. Nevertheless, through history and language evidence has shown that there are phenomenal changes in formal terms notation: rather, scholars are meant to come to terms with the fact that different changes in life may be deduced through in-depth investigation. Hence, the development of peoples such as Ndiigbo may be traceable through the procedural assessments, starting from the prehistoric to the present status auo.

Due to the undeniable facts about the dynamic nature of humans. effort at upholding one particular in isolation of other schools of thought had always made researcher appear myopic and to would yield in turn a hazv generalization. It is undisputable that since humanity has existed from immemorial, theories of man's origin and migration can only be based either on archeological evidence or oral tradition; involving myths and

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Basing on this premise, some theories have been made popular in contemporary epoch while some have been debunked as appearing and baseless bv scientific advancement and technological breakthrough domain on the of researches and scholarship. Some noted theories include: evolution anthropological theory, theory, Judeo-Christian theory, theory, autochthonous negro theory, and northern common the theory etc.Scholars of anthropology, especially since the 19th century to the middle of the century have come up with the idea of the homo sapiens as an offshoot the hominids development which has been given several such as Australopithecus, which has been estimated to have existed for about 200 million years ago. It is held by them that the age of humans surfaced when a being emerged that was able to carry its body upright and began to walk on his two feet without holding anything toddling again (referred to as homo erectus). This theory of origin is adopted by some evolutionary schools. tends to pave way for man's evolution.

There are various ideas about the place of the actual location, but recent works have come to focus on Africa for the fact that researches are revealing that species found in Africa appeared more human with bigger brain features of language and communicative competency and even organizational acumen which enhanced coordinated abilities. The researchers predict that approximated locations are the areas known today as Ethiopia. Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and other surrounding regions of the Sudanese confluence. It is believed that of development. this stage humanity was able and ready to take control of the universe, carry out migrations into other regions, especially when circumstances called for it.

It is this circumstances that motivated emigrate, them to migrate or conditions while atmospheric helped the various changes of skin differences. The evolution theory tends to somehow agree to above, but makes a slight difference by claiming that the emergence was from the ape to homo sapiens, This theory was made very popular by Charles Darwin in his book The Origin of Species. For some scholars, about two and half million years ago it emerged with a higher level of brain structure more than that of the ape, that was why it was able to make survival, undergo sophistication challenges evolve in times. This theory with its attendant logic has been criticized by scholars who argue that if man came into being from ape class about two million years ago why haven't man evolved into another being. The Judeo- Christian theory on biblical data and holds that human existence is not by chance that initially earth was hut the formless void but at a time the Creator God began to create, man was eventually created as a superior creature with the plan to be in control of all created things in the universe (Gen. 1:26-29). This theory has been modified in Christian history, that man's privilege of being created in the image and likeness of God was lost through original sin, but redemption came to humanity through Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son (Mtt 1:1-36, Lk 1:38-45). The autochthonous theory is derived from the view that humanity in existence, been old through primitive culture, in such a way that humans no longer have clear vision their initial stages. Thusmany claim that instead of asking of how humans migrated to be where they are, we can lay claim that human sprout at a time from no entity to continue to exist.

It is referred in Igbo as mfunala or mpunala, without the pretence of pinning human origin and existence to any historical date or associating him to any evolution processes. This theory has been criticized by historians and scientists as a product of mere fabrication; borne out of the lost of historical exigencies [1, 2, 3]. The Negro

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theory establishes the point before the 20th century, due to the domination domain of the scholarship by Western colonization, there were no mention of Africa or the black world as the cradle of humanity civilization. nav about man's origin stories intertwined with the Judeovirtually Christian idea of man's origin, with effort at founding who Adam and Eve were or where they first existed. However, the idea held today in some academic cycle that man's evolution is associated with Negro black race or (Africa) or dark skinned is a later development which seems to appraise most of the theories and hypotheses on human origin [4]. According to this view, the Negro species stand primordial the chronicles of human evolution, in such a way that facts have come to substantiate that the Negro evolution produced the oldest human creature. This theory awaits more evidence to convince scholars.

The Northern Common Centre Theory has been held by various scholars, some who claim this hypothesis are likening the human origin and migration to the Judeo-Christian theory, while others call it the Hellenistic theory, and some identify with the Hamito-Semitic hypothesis. For these schools of thought, their views tend to base on the origin of man to the Northern hemisphere, but for some there are serious allusion to the Biblical creation story that makes mention of Tygres and Euphrates popular geographical rivers as features of the time. Thus human then moved from the North towards other dispersals. [5], [6] etc lay claim that this is the major routepassage of the human person, and they claim that the Igbo race and others this track to be associated followed with the people of Israel of the Bible Jewish history and the Hebrew descendant. However, having examined this theory, we tend to establish that their allusion to the northern routes of origin and migration appears and thus calls for a modification. This brings us to the issue of our discourse. that the Modified Northern Common Centre Theory:

An attendant issue on the origin and migration of Ndiigbo in the 21st century seems to be a better panacea, coming with some linguistic evidence. Attendant Issues on the Igbo origin, Migration and Settlement Studies show that paleontologists ponder over their fossils; archeologists turn over ancient scholars whereas linguistics dig deeper into the search for origin with a systematic human assessment of the roots of the known peoples and their languages. already indicated above, of all the theories x-rayed, we seem likely to come up with a modification of the common Centre Northern Theory. This theory does not dispute about the existence of man but tends to incorporate the afore mentioned theories (maybe with no credence to the Darwinian school of thought on "chance"). The question before them is man has always downwards through the Northern axis, and as such Ndiigbo must have equally adopted the same pattern. But the divergence comes from the point of associating Igbo origin and migration grill from the Hamito-Semitichypothesis of the lost tribe of Israel [7], [8], [9]. Such claimant affiliating the origin and migration of Ndiigbo as from or East should be ready to delineate what is meant by these terms. The question of whom the Igbo are and where they came from been an ongoing discussion among scholars, especially because of the preliterate culture of Ndiigbo and likewise others too. The state Igbo has advanced to the studies extent where the origin of the Igbo people should be sought within and not outside Africa. To state our facts, we come up with a view that the Northern common centre theory has come to a point when it needed to be clearly stated. Thus, the Igbo are a major brand of the Negro race which we as "ndi gboo" refer to progenitors' emergence are traceable to areas along the latitude of Asselar regions on the Northern fringe of the Savanna. What it means then is that where the Negro race originated from as identified as the autochthonous species, is equally where Ndiigbo existed, and that holds water and the

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key to where to look for the origin of the Igbo peoples. As a result of "push" and "pull" migrations resulted to the Igbo moving downwards. Excavations at Nok commonly referred today as Terracotta located around the Kafanchan (Uzukwu, present day 2009),Ugwu Nsuka (1967),Ugwuele(1970) the Eziukwu Ukpa rock shelter near Afikpo (Ehugbo), where archeologists have dug up stone tools and pottery shreds whose radio carbon dating of about 2,933BC, showing human activity considerable antiquity. This particular Ugwuele excavation carried out by J.O. Ijeoma and F.N. Anozie from the Department of History and of Nigeria, Archeology University Nsuka, in conjunction with some British archeologists, identified the Civilization. The research/discovery revealed that the stone has been there for 1.6 metres in the year 500,000BC. This therefore indicates that Ugwuele habitation is much more older than any other civilization so far discovered in the world, including the "famous" ancient Egypt Mesopotania [10]. These and other areas came to justify that it is the same aborigines (Ndigboo) Negro who moved towards the Atlantic as a result of the incursions and hazards of the Sahara desert.

Today, it is established that Igbo land spreads from the Elugwu (from where comes the name Enugwu Ezike) in the North or the Nsuka confluence to the low land(from where comes the name Ukwuani or Ukwuali) South or the Delta confluence. Thus emerges the ideas of the "mega Igbo" and the "micro Igbo" expanding from what is regarded today as the lower Benue Plateau in the Northern axis and then to the Atlantic ocean in the south [11]. The opinion of this discourse is that such data give enough evidence to substantiate that the civilization of Ndiigbo should be undeniably accorded the same hierarchical cradle of human status with the civilization. The carbon dating of the artifacts cited above indicates thatthev were ruins of ancient civilization by the Homo **Erectus** (fore-runner of the present Homo Sapiens). The thrust of the matter is that the Igbo people have been in

theatre of human civilization for several millennia, with expenses of natural and manmade phenomenal realities and eventualities. Succinctly, our attention is drawn to the fact that scholars of high repute such as [12],[13] [14] etc are of the opinion that there seems to be a lacuna which can only be

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supplied The evidence through the various schools of thought as mentioned above, as having been the migration grill of the diluted which could also Igbo: categorized under initial beginning (origin), primary migration traceable to the Negro primordial instant, below the belt lying along the latitude of Asselar (Northwest Timbuktu) Khartoum. the secondary tο migration through the Eluugwu (Nsuka axis) and then the tertiary migration/ movements that are on-going. There is need for a linguist's contribution to respond to the above academic humility that has been manifested above mentioned scholars by the who have the benign regards for the vitality of Igbo studies and the better placement of Ndiigbo in the context global development of and emancipation of the Igbo today. The question the two nomenclatures of "ndi" and "gboo" raise form terminological arrow head of the Igbo from their original drive autochthonous home land of the Afro-Niger-Congo and Nile Basins [15]. This initial people or the ancient people "Ndigboo", were the same with paleo-Igbo, the Etheopus (Black race). Agyptos (Brown skin), and Sudanic [16], claims that: the name people. Sudan means "black people". [17] German Linguist and an anthropologist who did series of works Linguistic classifications of the world between 1911-1927, supports Sudanic confluence, through classifying point of Igbo language as a major the Sudanic language families, although he makes allusion to the Bantu languages, which equally is an offshoot of the Igbo language stretching towards the Kamoroun river. position was supported [19], establishing concretized by the existence of the Igbo among the "Kwa" sub-language family which

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started dispersing about 6000 to 5000 years before the common era (CE). In and [3] their separate works, [2] equally buttressed the fact of linguistic classification evidence that the "Kwa" by [12] portrayed the primordial extant of the Igbo pointing out the digging of artifacts at Ugwu Nsuka and of the Carbon the result confirmed that the material (dating about 2555 BC) portrayed Ndiigbo to have a distinct linguistic presence of about six thousand years ago. [4], [5] and [8] are in agreement that linguistic and archeological evidence could give a very substantial information on the aborigine and the initial movement of Ndiigbo via the Northern axis or the Sudanic confluence. Indeed, one of outstanding positions we have come todav that the Hamiticoto hold semitic hypothesis could take another dimension by presenting that same autochthonous people "Ndigboo" sprout the ancestors of the Hebrew [2]. It should be of note that up to date no precise etymological realization has been accorded the name Hebrew. [8], commented on the widely accepted view that the Semitic speaking people arrived in the Horn of Africa at the end of the first millennium BC. Hence, crossing the after having left their sea. homeland on the Arabian Peninsula they migrated into the area of todav's Ethiopia and Eritrea. There underwent an extensive linguistic and extra linguistic influence with Cushite speaking people. They argued that, this should be on the opposite direction. [9] is in line with the view that Ndiigbo are among the aborigines. work lays claim to scientific reports on the origin of human species, and suggests that it should help to put an end to the speculation over the bizarre ancestry of man. The account of one oldest civilization that

known Moe civilization as associated with the land of the black which equivalently substantiates the affinity of Ndiigbo to the cradles of man's civilization. Ohiri-Anichie (2004 a and b) express Igbo language view that plays a substantial role in identifying who the Igbo are and where they started and where they are today.

The emphasize works the phonologization of most of the Benue-Congo languages of the confluence the existence of similar shifting of lenis consonants to their non-lenis counterparts most lects across language groups. with linguistic Thus, establishing features genetic relationships among African languages especially those that have not been so much affected by the incursion of the Arabs along the Benue-Congo sub-family [5]. Again [5] through wider scope in the field of historical and comparative linguistics affirms that linguistic evidence gives credibility to Ndiigbo sharing a common Negro African ancestry with other language groups of the Benue-Congo sub-family, positing common genetic relationship across West the and Southern languages. She affirms that the term Ndiigbo. which with both and "Igbo" can be traced to "Ndi" the"Kwa" roots. Also with substantial amount of similarity of lexis on the basic vocabulary across Igbo some other languages of the new Benue-Congo sub-family, that evidence abounds for the claim that the speakers of above languages must have had a common ancestry. [7], reports that

Oral tradition and the legendary of origin of peoples remain disputable by scholars, but the fact remains that the question of origin and migration and the attendant theories itching for and hypotheses are confirmation. The question of upholding the Northern common centre theory is based on the fact that it seems to carry along all phenomenal indices with regard to human origin without superficial. appearing banal or However the modification that we deemed necessary comes from

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experiment was carried out in an the 15th century AD by James IV of Scotland, which he explained after that his specimen spoke Hebrew. Here there is need to come to task with philological and diachronic linguistics. There is need to enquire understanding more about the what the investigator saw that led to the view of naming the specimen to the Hebrew. Thus with some developmental indices, in the field of historical and comparative linguistics, possibility of looking towards language Igbo protolanguage of an autochthonous people Ndigboo, there is need to hold that the result of the investigation tilts towards the Igbo language being a better answer for the search for a primordial language nay proto Igbo, [8]. excavation The Igbo-Ukwu some inscriptions that backed the relatedness of the written records of the Sumerians, and Hebrews, with the proto Igbo, showing that the Igbo Language was the mother language. It is an established fact in the domains of Historical and Comparative Linguistics that when words from two separate languages share similarities in sound and meaning, it is a sign of borrowing or common origin [2]. Basing on this fact, we have found out that several languages of the sounds globe share similar and semantic closeness with those of the Igbo language. Indeed, there evidence that languages retain through thousands of years some culture affinity, traces of and historical experiences they have lived in the course of millennia.

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outright rejection of enthusiastic allusions subjecting the origin and migration tag "Nriology", grill to what we thereby turning the question of the relationship between Ndiigbo Hebrews ancestors upside down the and claiming that the Igbo are the lost tribe of Israel or the descendant of Eri [12],[7]. We vehemently criticize as sensational statements that hold no water only aligning oneself to the idea of Jewish affinity of Jesus Christ. As we have pointed out

scholars Igbo studies and civilization have debunked this hypothesis. The allusion is viewed fabricated mythical concoction people spearheaded by the Nri who through the Nri hegemony super impose patrilineal stories and came up with the assumption that lack appropriate evidence and the idea appears be basing on to insufficient data and hazy generalization.

The modification undertaken in our discourse on the origin and migration issues on the Igbo mav serve as a likely panacea the puzzles of the initial existence of Ndiigbo and the subsequent migrations and movements even dispersal with their primary point of call. In Northern the and confluence areas, prior to fringes other migration as a result of the pressures of "push" and "pull" population which according to [5] are migration phenomena. [2] bemoans the attitude of slashing the geographical and linguistic horizons of Ndiigbo that have led to many people being demerged from constantly Igbo family ties. This kind of attitude has been regarded as a dangerous move towards the balkanization of the Igbo geo-political areas. This incident has become recurrent that those who are aware of history are endemic of the consequences. The attendant depopulation antics of those who are bent on the marginalization of the Igbo people need much to be desired. Because of their inordinate desire subjugation ensure and of disunification Igbo lands they apply the method of disintegration of the Igbo people. Today the enemies of the region are using all the available means. such as; pretentious imported religions through which

The interpretations of history and other related issues ought not to be viewed as meaningless chance rational process. Again it amounts to error against humanity's progressive dynamics when there is an effort at isolating the essence of authenticity of peoples and races and establishing their place in developmental dialectics. However.

Igbo names are mutilated or some artificial through the creations fiery distinct and mutual

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and mutilation of the region, even antagonism propelled by the enemies of the Igbo people. The balkanization denationalization policy and the especially before and after the Biafra/Nigeria have war remained inimical to the growth and peaceful coexistence of the aboriginals in their own lands which for ages has been known as Biafra land [2]. Today, one draw attention begins to looming calls by most indigenous peoples for their self determination; the Kurds in the Middle East, the Ambazonia from the Cameroons, the Catalonians from Spain the Scottish United Kingdom (Britain) are warming up. This others that upsurge can attract the attention of historians to go back to the drawing board and reexamine the histories that are documented on building of nations in Europe beginning from the 11th century onwards. Again, the various partitioning of African peoples by the borne of nations the Brussels agreement the Berlin of conference between 1884-1886, and the subsequent struggles on the parts the indigenous peoples of Africa liberate themselves from the subjugation of their colonial masters, call for reassessment. The lucid unprecedented marginalization and other inhuman treatments the Igbo people are experiencing currently seem to have sparked off the hue and cry to fast track the Restoration of Biafra an Indigenous People that have existed even before the emergence

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the identified theories in our discourse can only be justified when we come to terms with incessant the phenomenon of migration. What appears humanly is that circumstances compel people to move. We came up with the view that there is need to state properly how the Northern common theory centre appears more convincing for the establishment of how

British Protectorates and

amalgamation of 1914 by

the Igbo came to be where they are today. The modification we presented calls for more scholarly inputs some other researchers. There debunk those blanket and need to sensational theories that often appear superficial but fail to hold water on the genuineness of the Igbo and their systematic history and interdisciplinary pursuits. There urgent need to establish facts that would help ameliorate to myths and frivolous fabricated sweet sounding theories that are devoid of real scholarly contributions go on to compound issues about the real facts on origin and migration of Ndiigbo. There is need again to posit that any attempt to go on and on to align with abnormal ideological framework would not lead reasonable output, thereby instigating confusion whose fruit only amounts

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Longinus and Onuora civilization to setting developmental strides at a tight corner. We observe that why it is necessary to nip in the bud those discreditable theories with regards to the nature and reality of Ndiigbo, good stands could be drawn from the view point that echoes of the drumbeats arising from various corners of the could lead to unrestricted reassessment of racial autonomy and the the resurgence of call self determination. This at some point could lead redesigning to refashioning of nation states of peoples the various unique identities. This would positively and practically reduce acrimonies among humans who might even agree path ways and still agree to be good neighbours former to their amalgamated groups [2].

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