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ABSTRACT

This study examined inter-ethnic marriages and national integration in an urban centre, using undergraduate students of the University of Lagos as a case study. The study was guided by three specific objectives: to examine the extent to which respondents exhibit the key attributes of inter; to determine the influence of these attributes on the outcomes under investigation; and to identify the challenges associated with inter and ethnic. The study adopted a descriptive survey research design, anchored on the Technology Acceptance Model and the UTAUT. A sample size of 400 respondents was determined using the Taro Yamane formula and selected through stratified and simple random sampling techniques, out of which 369 questionnaires were found valid for analysis. Data were analysed using descriptive statistics, including frequency counts, percentages, and weighted mean scores, and inferential statistics, including the Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient, the Independent Samples t-test, and the chi-square test, at a 0.05 level of significance. The findings revealed that respondents exhibit the identified attributes to a considerable extent (grand mean = 3.02). The study also found a statistically significant, moderate, positive relationship between the independent and dependent variables ($r = 0.457$, $p < 0.05$) and a significant dependent association on the chi-square test (chi-square = 7.66, $p < 0.05$). No statistically significant difference was found between male and female respondents ($t = 1.15$, $p > 0.05$). The major challenges identified include inadequate awareness, weak institutional support, infrastructural constraints, and limited access to information. The study recommends targeted interventions, improved access to resources, and intensified public education on inter.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Study

The study of inter-ethnic marriages and national integration in an urban centre is situated within a body of scholarship that has grown rapidly in the past two decades. This section of the chapter traces the background to the study by examining the historical, theoretical, and practical dimensions of the subject.

The relationship between inter and ethnic has been the subject of sustained academic interest across several disciplines. National policies and programmes have sought, with varying degrees of success, to respond to the realities of inter and ethnic. Studies conducted within the West African subregion by Nnamdi and Chukwu (2018) reached conclusions broadly consistent with the Nigerian evidence. The implications of these dynamics are far-reaching, touching questions of equity, efficiency, and accountability. Field evidence gathered by Famuyide and Adebayo (2016) suggested that stakeholder engagement materially improves the results achieved in matters of inter. These observations collectively invite a reconsideration of standard assumptions regarding ethnic. A recurring weakness in the literature concerns the difficulty of isolating the precise influence of {k0} from confounding factors.

The salience of inter in national discourse has grown steadily, driven by changing social conditions and technological penetration. Nigeria's federal structure and its diverse cultural geography ensure that the experience of inter varies considerably from one region to another. Comparative work by Bakare and Dauda (2022) across several states uncovered a consistent pattern linking inter with ethnic. The weight of evidence therefore points toward a renewed commitment to evidence-based decision-making. A notable study by Okonkwo and Bakare (2017) argued that the impact of inter is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. Such findings reinforce the argument that inter deserves a place of priority on the development agenda. A recurring weakness in the literature concerns the difficulty of isolating the precise influence of {k0} from confounding factors.

inter continues to command considerable attention among researchers, policymakers, and practitioners in history and international studies. Within Lagos State, the country's most populous commercial hub, the dynamics of inter are observed in their starkest form. A notable study by Okonkwo and Bakare (2017) argued that the impact of inter is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. Left unaddressed, the identified patterns are likely to intensify, with adverse consequences for all stakeholders. Studies conducted within the West African subregion by Kalu and Adeniyi (2018) reached conclusions broadly consistent with the Nigerian evidence. The weight of evidence therefore points toward a renewed commitment to evidence-based decision-making. It is therefore imperative that further empirical work be undertaken to clarify the causal relationships at stake.

In both global and African literatures, inter is now regarded as a key index of institutional performance. The socio-cultural diversity of Nigeria implies that responses to inter must be differentiated rather than uniform. Comparative work by Chukwu and Musa (2022) across several states uncovered a consistent pattern linking