

The Peoples Democratic Party and Governance in Nigeria, 1999- 2007

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ABSTRACT There is a profound paradox about the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Nigeria. The party, which earned the respect and admiration of most Nigerians in the rare times of military rule, in the last eight years due to its politics and policies, is pretty loathed in the country. This paper based on direct study and use of secondary data examines the role of the PDP in governance in the last eight years. The paper revealed that the PDP government has grossly been disappointing in its performance in the management of the affairs of the Nigerian state. Thus in the last eight years, Nigerians have suffered deep crisis of expectation as there has been serious erosion, impairment and debasement of the values of governance as reflected in macro economic instability, widespread corruption, deepening democratic crisis, human rights violations, insecurity, numbing frustration, disillusionment and increasing lost of people's confidence in the PDP government. Arising from the foregoing, the paper recommended among others ways on how to reorganize the PDP for effective governance in Nigeria.