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Fetish Oath Taking in Nigerian Politics and Administration: Bane of Development

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ABSTRACT This article is of the view that godfatherism and fetish oath taking through the use of juju, witchcraft and voodooism have negatively affected the development of Nigeria. In order to justify this view, a brief introduction of the Nigerian State was made, along with conceptual clarifications, which were followed with the review of related literature. Some of the reasons for fetish oath taking were posited, while the impacts of fetish oath taking on development in Nigeria were identified. Seven-point recommendations for the amelioration of the dilemma of development were articulated, and the article concludes that unless there is proper implementation of the posited recommendations, coupled with attitudinal change and adequate re-orientation of the political class and their collaborators, majority of Nigerians will continue to live in extreme poverty and the nation will remain underdeveloped.