

Effective Public Education as an Impetus of Improving Democracy in Selected African Countries

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ABSTRACT The aim of the paper, through a desk review of literature, debates, critics, reviews, reflects and discusses the various strategies to expedite and stimulate the awareness of the public to the democratisation process. Findings indicate the following measures to bolster/strengthen the levels of democracy: Raising the levels of public education on the masses; strengthening public awareness on democracy through adult education; and strengthening voter education. The paper has also considered the following as the desirable characteristics of effective education that can stimulate awareness of democratisation: education that holds the government accountable to the citizens; education that strengthens the societal cohesive. The paper has made the following recommendations: countries to embed the content of human rights in all kinds of social education; all social institutions to be encouraged to teach the public all their rights and responsibilities pertaining to governance of their countries; the government of the day to ensure the voices of the masses is held supreme; the citizens of the country to ensure they oblige their responsibilities to the state such as paying taxes and again pressurize the government to uphold their rights.