



The Nigerian Paradox

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Print on Demand *****.The prosperity of a nation is directly

linked to the education of its population. An educated

population has the knowledge base and skill necessary to translate its country's natural wealth (people, land, resources)

into material wealth (economic strength and competitiveness).

In Nigeria, this link is missing, undermined by rampant

corruption at all levels of its educational system. The most

damaging aspect of corruption is the amount of money lost

through practices such as embezzlement. To prevent such

losses, this book recommends that the Government of Nigeria

undertake a comprehensive anti-corruption campaign centered

around establishing accountability throughout its educational

sector. The analysis suggests that accountability is best achieved

through indirect methods aimed at increasing capacity in three

distinct, yet overlapping areas: data collection, management,

and oversight. Those who oppose this approach argue the most

effective means of battling corruption is through direct

measures that use punitive acts as deterrents against further

corruption. The book concludes with specific recommendations

that could help the Nigerian Government reduce the impacts of

corruption in its school system and achieve its objective of...



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