

AN ASSESSMENT OF INFORMATION  
AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY AND  
ITS IMPACT ON MORALITY OF NIGERIAN SOCIETY.  
A CASE STUDY OF OGBOMOSO SOUTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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## ABSTRACT

This is a study on the assessment of information and communication technology and its impact on the morality of Nigerian society using Ogbomoso South Local Government as a case study. It grew out of writer's concern on the level of moral decadence in the whole world spreading like fire all over, calls for attention of right thinking individuals to rise to the challenge before its total collapse. Each generation witnesses its own technology and they make use of technology available to them. In Old Testament, during the time of Noah, God asked him to build a ship which would convey his people. Also in Moses' time various means were used to communicate with people. There are also records in the New Testament time where Jesus and his apostles made use of their available technology. One of the technologies that has turned the whole world into global village is the information and communication technology. This research work therefore looked into the development that has happened to information and communication technology. It also examined how this has affected people of Nigeria both positively and negatively. Basically, the purpose of this essay is to call the attention of Nigerians to the present situation of moral laxity and ruin among Nigerian people. This essay, among other things seeks to challenge Nigerians to evaluate and re-address the subject of morality in order to redeem and preserve high moral standard that can support their national and cultural heritage as a nation, Nigeria. This research was carried out through library resources and investigation through one on one interview from people comprising old and young within Ogbomoso South Local Government Area of Oyo State and discovered that the negative impact of the ICT gadgets on morality is more than the positive impact, then, I discovered that to proffer solutions to this menace, parent and government have to rise to this challenge and inculcate good moral in the hearts of the young people in the society.

## **Conclusion**

The researcher has been able to assess the impact of Information and Communication Technology on the people of Nigeria, especially people of Ogbomoso South Local Government Area of Oyo State of ICT in Nigeria has positive and negative implications on the people of Nigeria. The increase number of business and job opportunities offered by the ICT in the country which is quite enormous is part of the positive implications. But unfortunately, the drive towards the negative is seemingly much higher or stronger than to the positive. We need to ask ourselves a fundamental question at this juncture: what is the source of most social vices such as cultism, drug abuse, violence, incessant killing, drunkenness, smoking, robbery, suicide that are prevalent in our society in recent times come from? Most of these social vices are imported into our society through media.

Therefore, this is my position, whatever increases the sharing, transmitting, and imparting of knowledge, ideas feeling is good and whatever decreases this sharing is bad. Yet whenever communication is being discussed, the theme and

objective(s) should not only be the technological, but spiritual and moral. Publication, broadcasting, and entertainments that have not moralistic or educational value must be banned to enhance moral uprightness among people of Nigeria. The entire citizenry should as a matter of fact and urgency strongly frowns at any act of indecency in the society. Nevertheless, in as much as these inventions are morally neutral, they should be carefully handled without abusing them.

### **Recommendations**

Based on the facts listed in this paper, it is therefore pertinent to provide probable recommendations to address the nefarious behavioural attitudes among Nigerians in the society.

The writer will like to offer the following recommendations for the agencies responsible for the moral upbringing of the old and young ones. These agencies are: the home, school, church and government.

#### **Home**

The Home is the first point of the formal and informal training. The home us the first training point for the child should be secured, a place where the child on feel loved and confident at all times. Therefore

- The home should provide the first platform for moral instruction.
- Parents should be of good example to the child. The reason being that children learnt first by what they see their parents and siblings do.
- Deliberate effort should be made for the training of the child, covering the physical, social, spiritual and moral aspects (Prov. 22:6)
- Discipline must be properly employed in nurturing of the child. Don't overlook issues that required immediate rebuke or correction in a child (Pro. 22:15; 29:15, 17).



- Home environment should be made conducive for the child to feel satisfaction and acceptable.
- Parents should be aware of the company wards keep and give proper censor.
- Parents are also admonished to pay attention to their children, listen to what they say, monitor what they put on, what they do, where they go, the friend they keep, the music they listen to, the thing they say, the movies they watch and what they do on the internet. This will help them guide the children aright, in the way of the Lord and with the fear of God in their hearts.

### **The School**

The school of course is the next place of the child informal and formal training.

- The school should provide moral education in the school syllabus.
- Teacher should be good models in conduct, and in their dressing to the children
- The school should discourage examination malpractices; rather hard word should be encouraged. Illegal collections should stop because this leads to introducing children to corruption at an early stage in life, which is bad.
- Religious studies should also be taught in public and private primary schools, colleges and tertiary institutions. This must be made compulsory for all students.
- Finally, the use of cell phone for under aged students in school should be forbidden.

### **The Government**

- Government at all level i.e. federal, state and local should create institution, recreation and programmes for youth moral instructions.

- Government should provide necessary amenities for the people, like good roads, functional educational system, and functional healthcare system.
- Good school environment that will enhance study and promote good psychological orientation for the youths.
- Government should endeavour to provide ample job opportunities for youth, so as to get them occupied lest there is little or no time for things that enhance moral decay.
- Government should promote all that takes to empower youth for self-reliance or employment.
- The government should censor the media or the promotion of sex all over the place through advertisements and all the likes.
- Government should give to order media houses to promote programmes that educate the people on morality.

### **The Church**

- The church as the religious body has a lot to contribute in this matter. In today's age or generation of science and technology, Christian bodies should positively employ these technological inventions to communicate religious truth to their followers and their neighbors.
- They should from time to time on pulpit warn followers of the abuse of ICT gadgets.
- Church leaders should provide godly and good models for the members to emulate. They should lead by examples.
- Church being in the proper position to teach morality should put in place all programmes of instruction that will instill morality and godly character into the lives of members.

