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Education for Self-Reliance in a New Dispensation: The Way Forward

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Abstract

In this rapidly changing world, the quest for self-reliance through education has always been the desire of many nations especially in the present face of global economic challenge. Education in Nigeria has been criticized for not being functional and practical in nature as majority of its products roam the streets in search of employment as if they have no marketable skills that would make them fit into the world of employment. This paper therefore analyzed the crucial role of education to national development in the third world countries with Nigeria as the case study. In the process, key terms like 'self-reliance' and its constraints to National development were clarified. The paper also amplifiers concept of education and National Development while strategies taken to achieve self- reliance education in Nigeria were deeply simplified. Since it is the individuals in the society that form the foundation for self-reliance, education for self-reliance will tackles the problem of national development from its roots when it addresses the individual's wellbeing. This is necessary because the present educational system should be geared towards self-realization, self-sufficiency and self-reliance.

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