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and Security Challenges in Nigeria**

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### **Abstract**

The constant use of Social media has played a significant role in fostering both positive and negative facets of insecurity. Also, engagement in citizens' journalism has a broad impact on security challenges in every nation. Therefore, this study investigated The Polytechnic Ibadan students' social media use, engagement in citizens' journalism and security challenges in Nigeria. The study adopted a descriptive survey research design. Multi-stage sampling technique was used in the sample selection of 403 respondents. A validated instrument named "Citizen Journalism Social Media Questionnaire" was used for data collections; data was analysed using descriptive and inferential statistics. Findings revealed that students in Ibadan Polytechnic made use of the popular social media platforms (weighted mean 1.40) respectively and engaged in online discussion to a large extent through the use of *Facebook, Whatsapp, Instagram, Twitter, Youtube, Telegram* and others (weighted mean 2.11) respectively, students involvement in citizen journalism is very high (weighted mean 1.85), and also students have good perception on the use of social media in discussing national security challenges (weighted mean 2.83). There was no significant difference ( $r = 0.053, p < 0.05$ ;  $r = 0.941; p < 0.05$ ) in the level of engagement in online discussion and perception of social media use in discussing security challenges in Nigeria. Thus, the study concluded that The Polytechnic Ibadan Students social media use, engagement in citizens' journalism does not have any influence on security challenges in Nigeria. The study recommended that a survey should be carried out on the effect of social media use on security challenges and security information should be disseminated in order to avoid misuse of social media in spreading false news.

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## Abbreviations

ACHPR	-	African Commission on Human and Peoples' Right
BH	-	Boko Haram
DDOS	-	Distributed Denial of Service
ESN	-	Eastern Security Network
FRSC	-	Federal Road Safety Commission
FSARS	-	Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad
HIV	-	Human Immune Virus
ICPC	-	Independent Corrupt Practices Commission
IEDs	-	Improvised Explosive Devices
IPOB	-	Indigenous People of Biafra
IPR	-	Intellectual Property Right
ISIS	-	Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
ISWAP	-	Islamic State of West Africa Province
JTF	-	Joint Task Force
MASSOB	-	Movement for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra
MEND	-	Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta
NBS	-	National Bureau of Statistics
NCS	-	Nigeria Customs Service
NDLEA	-	National Drug Law Enforcement Agency
NDPVF	-	Niger Delta People's Volunteer Force
NDV	-	Niger Delta Vigilante
NEMA	-	National Emergency Management Agency

NIMASA	-	Nigerian Maritime Security and Safety Administration
NIS	-	Nigeria Immigration Service
NITOA	-	Nigerian Trawler Owners Association
NSCDC	-	Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps
OPC	-	Odua People's Congress
OSCE	-	Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe
PCRC	-	Police Community Relations Committee
SARS	-	Special Anti-Robbery Squad
SM	-	Social Media
SSS	-	State Security Service
UN	-	United Nation

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