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Abstract

The research work was carried out to investigate the relationship between dynamics of demography and Nigeria's foreign policy under the administration of former President Muhammadu Buhari (2015 – 2023). While it was often implied in existing literature that Nigeria's foreign policy engagement has not contributed meaningfully to her development, using intermestic realist theory, this study was done to bring to the fore how demographic considerations influenced the conduct of Nigeria's foreign policy under the administration and how the country can benefit from its foreign policy engagements through her demography. The mixed research design was adopted combining both the quantitative and the qualitative methods. Data was gathered through in-depth unstructured interview and the use of questionnaires. Data from the in-depth interview was analysed using content analysis while data from the questionnaire was analysed using simple percentages, table and bar charts. From the analysis, it was shown that while there was no major shift in the principle guiding the conduct of Nigeria's foreign policy under the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari, certain demographic considerations such as age, migration, diaspora issues, quality and quantity of the population influenced the conduct of Nigeria's foreign policy. Also due to domestic demographic considerations, issues such as the closure of Nigeria's borders and the signing of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AFCFTA) constituted intermestic affairs as the deliberations behind them were rooted in the domestic considerations. It was therefore concluded that demographic considerations influenced the conduct of Nigeria's foreign policy under the administration of President Buhari (2015 – 2023). Also, diaspora relations is increasingly becoming an important component of Nigeria foreign policy engagements. It was therefore recommended that a comprehensive developmental foreign policy that would allow Nigeria to benefit from her demography should be adopted.

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List of Acronyms

Abbreviation	Meaning
AFCFTA	African Continental Free Trade Agreement
AU	African Union
BNC	Bi-National Commission
BPSR	Bureau of Public Service Reforms
BRICS	Brazil Russia India China South Africa
CBN	Central Bank of Nigeria
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CMEA	Council of Mutual Economic Assistance
DFN	Development-Foreign Policy Nexus
DFP	Developmental Foreign Policy
ECC	European Economic Community
ECOMOG	ECOWAS Monitoring Group
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EU	European Union
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FPA	Foreign Policy Analysis
GDP	Gross Domestic Product

HDI	Human Development Index
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICESTC	Intergovernmental Commission on Economic and Scientific- Technical Cooperation
ICJ	International Court of Justice
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INEC	Independent National Electoral Commission
INGOs	International None Governmental Organizations
IPE	International Political Economy
JTC	Joint Trade Committee
LCBC	Lake Chad Basin Commission
MAD	Mutually Assured Destruction
MAN	Manufacturers Association of Nigeria
MFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MNCs	Multinational Corporations
MNJTF	Multi-National Joint Task Force
NANTs	National Association of Nigerian Traders
NEPAD	New Economic Partnership for Africa's Development

NIA	National Intelligence Agency
NIDCOM	Nigerians in Diaspora Commission
NIIA	The Nigerian Institute of International Affairs
NIMC	National Identity Management Commission
NIPSS	Nigeria Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies
OAU	Organization of African Unity
OIC	Organization of Islamic Corporation
PBOC	People's Bank of China
SARS	Special Anti-Robbery Squad
TAC	Technical Aid Corps
UAE	United Arab Emirates
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
US	United States
WTO	World Trade Organization