

# Education for Social Transformation in Nigeria

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*Suspensions and distrust among the various ethnic groups in Nigeria have led to bickering among the various group leaders resulting in their failure to achieve cohesion. The British colonial administration actually laid the foundation for the emerging political crises that followed, since its policy had been designed to favour the North, whose leaders had been programmed to take over from the colonial officials. The crises had led to the first military coup, a situation that re-enforced this mutual suspicion which invariably gave birth to a serious crack within the ranks of the political class. It is imperative to build mutual trust among the different ethnic groups in the country which entails engaging in serious educational reform with a focus on education whose purpose is pluralistic, inclusive and transformative. Adopting the option of social transformation, therefore, is a step towards building trust and social participation among the various ethnic groups in Nigeria.*

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