

## Slavery: A Mark of Underdevelopment and Its Dent on A Modern World

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### Abstract

It is worrisome that till today, slavery which has been abolished since the 19<sup>th</sup> century is still thriving with the appellation “Human Trafficking.” The young people are usually the target. And one of the major factors influencing its business is the mindset about greener pasture, financial gain or building a future devoid of poverty. But the result is usually sadness, pain, regrets and death in many of the cases. The woes of the journey across borders are almost daily news. Examples are still taken from the traditional slave Ports. There are examples of its damage in history. The Caribbean Island is a culture case as this study reveals. The concept of greener pasture is not usually where the victims think. In many occasions where they were before they left is usually greener. The less privileged forms a background victim both in practice and use. A majority are deceived with fake promises of work or better life. This study examines how it has affected the society especially the less privileged and suggestions on how it can be reduced to a minimal level. It is a community affair in today’s world and everyone is responsible for its practice.

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### INTRODUCTION

The Headlines of The Punch Newspapers of the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, 2020 (posted on Opera news) read thus: “Modern

Slavery: Oyo to receive Lebanon-based indigene put for sale.” That means human slavery is still on-going as if it is a tradition that the world cannot do without. It has been a business from time. History is full of such tales of woe on slavery. The story of the Igbo slave and Samuel Ajai Crowder are examples of the results, magnitude and dimensions of its practice. In the modern world of today, it has been nicknamed “human trafficking,” “domestic servants,” “house help,” “maid,” and so many other names. Baby factory is not to say the least of such form of practice and it is practiced by “well meaning citizens” of the state. The most debilitating fact about the practice is that the environment has accepted it as a tradition, especially the female gender of well meaning families. They tend to encourage its practice as a way of life and survival by giving out their daughters indirectly. A clip from the TV show depicts the SILICON VALLEY, an on-line slave market which is dominated by dealers in domestic workers market. The clip showed two dealers bargaining. When they finally agreed on the price, and the price paid, their commodity, the domestic worker, a female, appeared. The way the buyer tugged at her and she screamed while the seller applauded the buyer was inhuman and pitiable. Even an animal deserves respect. Women and children are sold on-line without their knowing that this is human trafficking which is against modern law. Like in the traditional slave period, the dealers scout for market. There are places where you can buy domestic workers. This is worrisome while the world pretends as if it is a normal business of the day.

History has recorded in so many ways how man has grown from stage to stage, denoting his state as being free but everywhere in chains. This is true in so many ways. But freedom is expensive and also has either negative or positive results depending on situations or the psychology of the primates involved. Human civilization graduated from savagery to barbaric period and to the civilized world. And to be civil means to be reasonable,

conscientious, courteous, and the ability to cohabit in an environment, in honesty, guided by certain principles which has been agreed on by members in peace and harmony. But one fact about man is his natural tendency to subdue a weaker counterpart. It is also the instinctive nature of animals for the stronger to bully the weaker, especially, physically, psychologically or otherwise with or without any reason. This is the same with man as all primates are involved even in plants or any form of growth. The more privileged plant to appear before the sun for photosynthesis to take place otherwise the unprivileged plant dies off or is stunted. This has been the same in human development. Civilization and education has made this process of development less applied because of its consequences over time. Thus civilization has seen this process of development as man's inhumanity to man. It is practiced less in a developed society and that determines their level of awareness and civilization. In modern times slavery are growing in different forms although it has been banned by the world as an offence against the state. Of what difference is an animal from the humans who practice it? It is growing in geometric proportion, especially in the underdeveloped worlds of today. Any nation that allows this human treatment is underdeveloped. This is the thrust of this study with examples from around the world of today despite the declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations.

## 1. HISTORICAL ANTECEDENT

History has recorded quite distinct features of the practice of slavery since the origin of human endeavours on earth. This is why Bonnard, A. (1962) gave examples of slavery under Greek Democracy. He recorded that "The Greeks invented Democracy," but the two limitations that stopped their democracy from progressing is:

### **Slavery and the Inferior Status of the Female Gender**

Bonnard stated that no ancient society indeed seems to have been able to dispense with slavery. It was the primitive form of what is today called "the exploitation of man by man; and it was also the severest. Medieval society did not permit slavery but it had serfdom." As Bonnard noted, "In modern society we have the wage-earning system, not to forget colonial exploitation. The freeing of man from the expressive forces which the stronger exercise over the weaker is very slow in coming; but it has been on the march ever since society has existed." The presence of Negro slaves is important in the making of the people called the Jamaicans. Henrue(1957) explicitly described slavery as the culture or tradition of some societies. In his book Jamaica, he saw a people whose culture was a legacy of slavery. Negro slaves imported into Jamaica lived as domestic servants but later they were turned into field labourers.

But modern slavery is worse than what had ever been. Apart from the unscrupulous manner of "slave trade," the usual slave life had a culture and cannot be abused. They have their own rights too. The "ohu"(slave) of the Igbo tribe is an example. They have their respect in the society as "ohu." It is worse in the sense that modern society is witnessing both self made or self imposed "ohu". And that is seen in most of the cases of the human trafficking(another glorified name for slavery). Thus who is buying, buys secretly and in this wise, the bought item can be used as the owner pleases; there is no right or wrong in the treatment of his property. The slavery of the past was an established industry. In the native context it was honourable and open. But the Atlantic slave trade era was crude and cruel until slavery was generally abolished when the society realized that it is man's inhumanity to man. It is also civilization for humans to realize that the use of animals in experiments or killing them arbitrarily is also bestial. Thus the researchers have to obtain license for the use of animals in their experiments. How much more human life. If the moderns will continue to run the slave ship through the back door, let them get a license from the United Nations instead of flourishing a back yard business. Civilization taught that killing of twins is barbaric. The ancient Egyptians bury their dead king with its living slaves so that they continue serving their master in the other world. Brown, E. ( ND ) wrote that, "rulers with such titles as Emirs, Onis and Obas had slaves of a tribal nature," and that before the arrival of the Portuguese to Nigeria in the late 15<sup>th</sup> c. slavery flourished in the coastal countries of the Mediterranean and the Near East. Now it became a bigger business among the south and western Nigeria. The plantations in South America, West Indies and United States grew. The shores of the Volta River Basin and Niger Delta became a slave pot. Nigeria, Dahomey, Togo and Ghana became a known slave coast. The question today is whether these slave coasts holds sway in today's world in terms of slave business. The answer may be yes and no. Yes in the sense that these slave ports are still the route and no because slavery has been abolished. The Venetian Cadamosto, who sailed to West Africa in 1482, wrote of slaves and spices (1482-1485). From his explanation, "True, contact was kept up through slave trading, but there was very little exploration beyond the West African coastal forts. There was no need of further penetration, as slaves were only too willingly brought down to the beaches for sale and transportation." Who were involved in the bringing down of these slave? The people.

**Abolition:** The Obas lost their hold on slave trading while the west contends with its abolition. Internal conflicts erupted among the natives as the concern for the dignity and rights of common man grew. There was neglect in the tilling of the soil and by the end of 18<sup>th</sup> c. the British began to stop slavery (1833). France, Spain, Portugal agreed and later in 1862 USA joined the others.

Between 1808 and 1870 violators of this new rule were fought and punished. But what is happening today is even worse than it was during the slave period because then slaves were respected as slaves but in the modern world the abducted can be butchered like an animal and the parts sold for money. As Onwubiko Stated;

During the Yoruba civil wars, notably the owu war (1821-29), the village of oshogun was sacked in 1821 and young Ajayi was captured and sold into slavery. He was later resold to Portuguese slave-dealers and put on board a slave-ship for transportation across the Atlantic to the New World. Fortunately, the slave-ship was captured by warships of the British preventive Squadron and taken to Sierra Leone in 1823 where Ajayi was liberated along with others and so joined the re-captives.

The traditional influence differs from the modern influence. In the tradition it is stimulated mainly by culture. Slave hunting was then lucrative, but in the modern era it is influenced mainly by self imposed ambition. There is also the modern slave hunt through abduction and many other ways. In tradition it has been known that those defeated in war are taken as slaves. But there are not much wars today yet many live like slaves procured as spoils of the defeated. Fage ( 1964 ) wrote that,

... forty million souls must have been lost to west Africa....there were those killed in the wars caused by the trade; those killed by slave raids, or wounded and left to perish because they were too old or infirm to be of value as slaves; those who died from the hardship of the march to the coast or of their captivity while awaiting shipment; finally there were those unfortunates who were condemned by the European buyers of slaves as unfit for purchase, many of whom, if they were not left to die, became victims of the practice of human sacrifice which was greatly stimulated by the slave trade and its wars.

What has changed between this practice in history from today's human trafficking except that it was open but the treatments are similar. If industrial revolution, religion and governments could not stop slavery what else could.

### **Types of Modern Slavery and Their Consequences**

There are many types of slavery but a few is being listed: apart from human trafficking which have been defined by practice, naturally, mankind suffers many kinds of psychological make which results to some problems of self which often affect others. The slightest example is the kleptomaniacs. These are yet found among the leaders. This affects the society adversely or positively. The law, training and orientation have a lot to do to make the society feel safe. These institutions are built and managed by those produced by it. This means that proper regulation of behavior must be in serious and constant check in order to be able to control its extreme cases or excesses. The behavior of one person affects the rest positively or negatively. The Covi-19 pandemic is an example. Mental disorder is not counted on those who appear so physically as both science and observation has

indicated. It may affect leadership adversely as has been mentioned in, "Mental Imbalance A Possible Cause of Maladministration." (Ubani: 2006).

**Mental Slavery:** mentality is a mindset as has been mentioned above. It is a way of thinking. And it is capable of locking one who has no way of escape through knowledge, education, exposure or information. He is stuck. Colonialism, Religion or culture is one of the agents of mental slavery. For example, some individuals believe that you must cheat before you succeed. Some people want to give the impression that they are holy, thus displaying their religious gadgets, acting in a way peculiar to others. The result of such acts is often hypocrisy. People often struggle to keep tradition or culture or norms instead of being realistic to material conditions or impressing their creator by doing the right thing. They value the honour of men than reality. For example, one who does not have kerosene or money to buy it will not want to be called poor by using firewood which is everywhere around him. He may prefer to steal money or rob, so that he will not be counted as archaic or one who has no education or lose respect among his people because he is a graduate or a modern man. Since he has raw food what is wrong if he uses firewood which is the reality of the situation. They are not free in the mind because they want to impress. They think that eating local or native food is a sign of poverty and such people should be pitied; instead of refining such food item. Yet most of these foods are curative. These thoughts are expressed often by the so called educated who the illiterate or the non-educated look up to. They do not care much about the law or whether it is wrong or right but they care and accept what they see others do around them and are ready to defend it. Thus the saying that a nation perishes for lack of knowledge.

People dress, bleach, carry out plastic surgery to look like their models which to them is their standard. But one cannot cheat nature. One can grow by a natural style like some oriental people of the Far East. They cannot reject their own that is why their service in other nations is growing in superiority everyday. Their services cannot be menial but cost effective and their revenue from outside helps to build the home economy. But those attracted by slavery settle for menial labour in another man's country where they think holds more in return for them.

**Local Slavery/International Slavery:** some call it domestic servants. Many families today have a form of slave or servant who is serving under duress for the payment of an undefined favour accrued from a benefactor. This is practiced across all classes, religion or culture. International slavery is merely self- imposed or born into it like many bought from baby factories or trafficked across borders.

**Sexual slavery:** There are many forms of this practice that has been accepted as normal especially made so by culture or norm. It is often practiced in marriage

situations. In such families, rape is often an unannounced practice. People who rape are mentally deranged. There are also people who want to be raped. Such are also mentally ill or enslaved by their own habit.

**Habitual Slavery:** addicts are found in this behaviour. They are psychologically enslaved: many of such groups seek solace in such habits without minding whether it is harmful or not. Gradual suicide is committed by this group. Most habits are picked from childhood. Some drop it as they mature while many others seek solace in it as they become adults. Many frustrations are burnt out in these habits some will admit. Habit is just a psychological bid which can be stopped based on a strategic operation, preparation or conduct. Most of these habits are associated with unscrupulous people in the society like thieves but it does not follow that such people are bad as some people will believe. Smokers especially hemp smokers or drug addicts are examples.

**Self Slavery:** When people say they are hungry in some countries, it becomes worrisome. It is the mindset, pride, laziness or wrong orientation that make people go hungry because they kept themselves hungry inadvertently. But there is food everywhere all around them. Even the cities have not been covered with architectural structures that there is no land to cultivate food. Edible fruits grow on their own without anybody cultivating them. Africa is still very green. Her people ignore her for the distant processed field: the irony of self development and a thwarted mentality. They enslave their minds because they are imitating their models abroad. Onyema (1974) described his mindset. It resembles a confirmation and maintenance of the character in the film, "The gods Must Be Crazy." The vegetations are still green with edible items, like paw-paw, different types of palm trees, cashew, cocoyam and countless items that can guarantee longevity with varieties of vegetables that are even herbal. Food is natural drug that can ensure a life time of long and healthy living but these eludes the people. They go for the opposite.

**Baby Slaves:** this includes baby commodities. It can be planned by families or between husband and wife or single parents. Most of these single parents are self made. Some women just want to be single parents. Some babies unknown to them are already slaves by their birth or origin. Such instances occur in baby factories. The orientation of a child is its culture. It sees the world from its experience. Unless it has a kind of education or religious insemination that will liberate its mind, it will further be enslaved by its experience. That is why some individuals cannot understand the love of fellow mankind or its essence. The theory of Tablarasa holds in this view. It is true that life is a survival of the fittest but it does not mean physical battle against each other as civilization come to liberate human mind, but struggle, physical, spiritual or mental against the challenges of life.

There may be natural characteristics according to DNA, gene or specie. For example there are ample instances of a degree of talents following a family. Some religious families produce religious people along the line of their generations. Talented people are sorted out according to their generations. For example in sports such families produce a lineage of sporting people whether famous or not. Some families also produce a lineage of criminals. This is why in some cultures marriage can only be contracted after ascertaining the characteristics of the progenies of a certain family that intend to conduct a nuptial tie. Thus, babies that are produced with no recognized parents are already slaves from birth, if no genuine volunteer of care or guide is claimed. If a child was not fondly groomed around a family setting, where it is showered with the love of parental care, real or imagined, it has missed the projection of a balanced struggle of a life time. This development may not be final. Things might change along the way depending on the driver of that change. The child generally sees the world through the eyes of the parents or schooling and this determines the leadership of tomorrow in that society. If the child failed, the parents, the school and the entire society have failed. That society will continue to be underdeveloped because it cannot give what it does not have as leaders no matter the type of leaders they produced because the training is not strategic, purposeful and uniform in approach. Miscreants are bound to be many. Children are leaders of tomorrow and should not be groomed in slavery. They will ever be intimidated with the psychology of inferiority and shame if they survive. They may be successful if they are free but the mental psychology of not being adequate or the same with others will always hunt them.

### **Factors Encouraging Modern Slavery**

**The society:** the society is the association of a group of individuals who rely on a common interest. Therefore, Social institutions include the family, government, economy, education and religion and their values anchor on kinship, legitimizing power, regulating distribution of goods and services, transmitting knowledge from one generation to the other and the regulation of relationship to the supernatural. The society creates a government; those who manage the society and protect it from external attack: People agreed to give their lives over to the management, to take care of in trust; but often the management disappoints the people especially in a less developed state. Under the society are listed these characteristics:

**Poverty:** Poverty is a relative term. It could be induced or subjective. Most of the underdeveloped societies suffer either induced or subjective poverty. They often create the poverty in their mindset, inadvertently. To be fair to nature, one does not need much to exist on a personal note. Abudlahi, (2017) in his "Sweet Sixteen," wrote about Ghandhi: "Ghandhi could have made all the money he

wanted if he was so inclined. But he chose to live a life of poverty to demonstrate that a human being does not really need much to survive. A contented person is a very rich person. Also, Ghandhi was never a President. He fought for his country to gain independence from Great Britain.”

**Perception(mindset):** poverty is a perception of the mind as has been described. Perception of individuals, especially in the third world cultures is often a thwarted colonial culture. It is unfortunate that modern mothers regard it as wisdom and call any man or woman foolish if one is not thinking about how to make money. They give out their daughters for money to the wrong individuals and many do this under the cloak of religion with the fake reason of poverty and hunger. In a civilized world, perception of life as it has been observed at the underdeveloped is not as pronounced. The management provides the basic needs like shelter, food and clothing, health care and through social security measures and employment opportunities. Majority of the individuals does not strive to build house, electrify his village, and ride the most expensive car or to impress anyone but to live a life of peace and fulfillment. The less privileged is taken care of. The gap between the rich and the poor is not much. Some societies are not as developed. The opportunity of self employment than public laboring is more in Africa than elsewhere because the land is still naturally green. The only difference may be quality or standard of life. But standards cannot guaranty longevity. The life style may be low keyed but its values may ensure a lasting fulfillment and satisfaction. What wealth can be more important than this. It is warped mentality and senseless idea to think that when you use your fellow for ritual or to make money, that you will have power, enrich your life and will be respected in your society and then live forever on earth when it is obvious that everyone has a limited life span.

Most underdeveloped societies want to imitate their models abroad. So to be tagged learned or modern is to live an acceptable life style measured by reflecting foreign models. The intimidating aspect of this imitation is that the environments are not the same. For example, some so-called learned people believe that going to farm is a sign of poverty or being archaic. Why suffer when you can buy it. Perhaps the environment is endowed with natural recourses that enriches State treasury. Thus the struggle for financial gain has become the mode of life of such societies. They do all sorts of negative things to achieve what they regard as success. There is less constructive competition. They see someone going to the farm , cooking with firewood as poor, archaic and out of date even when they know they have no other alternative. Necessity is the mother of invention they say but it invents crime on the contrary in most environments because of orientation or the belief and hope of the people. All prayers, praises and religious houses are set up to

attract this financial gain because it is their measurement of success. They cannot think of any invention, extraordinary production of novel products or how to make the society live in peace because they believe that respect, leadership is recommended by the society based on material wealth. But wealth can be created by doing the right thing. No matter the level or standard of one’s employment, one is a labourer. One of the greatest freedom and self worth in life is to be self employed. To the third world individual this is abnormal. One who went to school must work for somebody. That is the idea of education in this environment. In reality the self employed contribute more than half of the nation’s wealth in most developed worlds and provide a greater percentage of its employment, especially through production. But one of the biggest businesses in the underdeveloped societies is money laundering or the game of chance. This game of chance has become the priority orientation of her young generation; even the so-called religious men are champions of this device of financial revenue. Till today some societies are still recovering the loot of some of their people from different parts of the world. Honesty here, is an illegitimate personality. To be dishonest shows wisdom. To cheat is to be smart. Many live in borrowed robe. To be crafty becomes a way of life. Thus, the people live like cat and mouse. No nation can survive genuinely on a plain footing through gambling and it is the same with human survival.

Some live above their means without observing it. They believe it is below their imagined class or image to live below a certain level. But good education teaches one to live according to ones income or means to avoid trouble. Many go into bad debt. Some think that being manly is being able to beat others or exploit them. Some believe that they must have what they want, by fair or foul means. Often underdeveloped society applauds such people. The law often encourages this behavior by not adjudicating right, thus enslaving the law, encouraging lawlessness.

Mindset can be a dangerous way of thinking that may enslave ones psychology throughout a life time. There is food everywhere and people are crying of hunger. They regard working hard as unnecessary suffering and they pass this concept of life to their progenies, creating a dangerous future for the coming generation. The Covid-19 pandemic has proven that while the lockdown is in place, those who have no jobs are still surviving dependent on their natural food around them. After the lockdown, it is an opportunity to think twice and set them free from imposed or self slavery and use the natural resources around them to survive instead of crying of unemployment. They can develop these resources if they want to prove that they are educated. This is why the developed worlds are exploiting this kind of mindset through brain drain or winning them to come and serve in their environment. They believe

it is a greener pasture. In the actual sense Africa is the greener pasture. The vegetation is virgin. She is still green and fresh. It will take such societies a long time to wake up. A majority of the crime committed is in order to acquire these materials produced abroad. Yet part of that workforce is from Africa.

What do people want? They want to drive big cars, live in posh houses, display wealth as a success, and ride on other's back. That is the competition. Every aspect of life is determined by how much without even minding where the how much is coming from it is seen and praised especially by women. This is a very dangerous orientation for the future generation and should be discouraged. One boasts of how much one has made in a government office where one's salary is obvious. But that is not the mindset of a developed world. That is the average mindset of those who cannot contribute above subsistent level through production: they become liabilities in different dimensions if they cannot get what they want forthrightly. The most dangerous part is that most parents encourage their children into many negative life-styles and later blame them for their impropriety. The parents help to spoil the future of these young ones by encouraging them into some of these nefarious activities. These children grow up and are employed by their members who are already there to perpetrate or perpetuate the same interest or mindset and thus enslaving the conscience of many individuals.

**Tradition:** this is a way of life that has been established over time. It is different from culture in the sense that culture which is also a way of life may have existed over time, but tradition may be a recent development that over time becomes a culture. For example jungle justice may be a tradition of the people in modern times if it continues unabated.

**Culture:** this is one of the major factors that encourage slavery. Some people do not see anything wrong with slavery. It is a way of life of some people. For example the idea of slavery has been the culture of most societies mentioned above. The difference between slave and one undergoing training, for instance between parents and children should not be confused with slavery. Slavery is when someone owns another as property. It is the process of treating someone as not having freedom except the one the owner wishes to give and using the said subject to one's whims and caprices. It is buying or exchanging human being for a service or price. In this case the person used in such engagement loses his or her rights or freedom as a human being. This is slavery. Child pawning is rampant in such cultures, even till today. There are rules of engagement for one who will work for another. It becomes slavery when there are no rules, especially when the used has no say in his condition or when it is being decided by another person or certain illegal conditions.

**Religion:** caste system, wrong beliefs is involved in this vice of the use of their fellow beings even against

their faith. Either they are ignorant of the fact that it is slavery or they think it is proper or appropriate provided they have measures or caution in applying the rule over such conditions. Some religions believe that God has designed some people to be slaves to others and some class to rule and that those less privileged should accept their fate. Perhaps this is true. But problem arises when fellow humans create such situations for others. This is what brings disharmony, trouble, war and disunity. Under the same platform some people are favoured against others.

**Education:** the purpose of education has been defeated in such societies human trafficking is practiced as a normal way of survival in a modern world because those practicing it are expected to be the educated. A truly educated mind cannot be engaged in slavery. So many intelligent people who have gone to school are not educated. Such people are seen in such businesses. Education refines the mind and makes one to be a better human being with compassion for his fellow man and spurred for humanitarian service. There is a report about many Bank managers who commit fraud. A man has been reported as signing a loan for himself worth millions of dollars. He was caught when he could not refund the money. It does not matter the cause he read in the school because many of them read courses outside their job link like medicine, mass communication, textiles, fine Arts or engineering. The point is his orientation and aim in that job.

A Professor went for a sponsored exhibition. He saw the superiority of his fellow's brochures and hid his own. Who knows, he might have been helped. You cannot pretend because those who invited you know who you are. It is the value they are looking at not the quality of the printing. One thinks that a professor is awarded based on foresight, insight, long years of teaching at a higher level, research and contributions to scholarship and should be able to take academic decisions based on experience outside whatever policy or standards that may be in place. He has been given a license on scholarship for his deep knowledge or experience in an area of his study or career. He should be able to understand what is expected of him. He should never beg for acceptance for what he has knowledge otherwise he is touting his title or career. Many of these mental situations cannot guarantee progress in their field. They cannot think outside the box because to them it is an offence to standards. This is mental slavery. They cannot understand the dimensions of policy.

Another professor who was educated abroad was approached by young people to help promote their Newspaper in native language because he read Linguistics and majored in his native language, disappointed the young ambitious students with the reason that what they are doing is going backwards to archaic period; that he will not allow his children already abroad to speak their

native language. (Ubani: 2016 )This is the problem of mindset of most underdeveloped people.

They often talk of standards. Who creates standards for assessment or acceptance? The river drowns the one it sees its legs. These mindsets should go through history to see examples of regeneration of cultures, The medieval age is an example of how standards can undermine or delay civilization. Thus, this conception of a kind is a kind of slavery.

**Environmental slavery:** irregularities at the various administrative levels discourage individual's positive ambition. Many are turned slaves in the offices and they have to beg to be given service yet the service providers are paid for it. Lawlessness protects many perpetrators and turn many under them to be their slaves for their needs to be met (this is temporary slavery)—people are afraid to speak the truth because of insecurity or personal benefit from a negative deal, blackmail or other reasons.

**Governance:** proper or complete implementation of policy is eluding governments with good policies—law and adequate prosecution of offences often meet deadlock—politics mar this progress turning many good ideas to its slave without meeting its freedom.

**Corruption:** this is not to say the least. It is liked to all that have been mentioned above. The major route of a failed state in modern times is corruption and the root of many maladministration and lawlessness. The porous borders leak because insincere agents man the place. Most of the agents are the perpetrators in disguise or criminals in National uniform.

## DISCUSSION

The underdeveloped worlds are still reflecting their acceptance of colonialism as more superior to their culture and so will always chose their models lifestyle and methods abroad. They will always hustle for Western ideals, without thinking of how to develop the initiatives in production like China and Malaysia. Those countries can challenge the superiority of their mentors or colonial masters. Thus, they hustle for the goods of their superiors, killing each other in the attempt. Material gain, of course is the end point. They want to acquire those goods in order to be respected in their society. They will always remain a slave to these goods and models. Any “educated” individual that does not think of how to get money is regarded as senseless and foolish. No one thinks of selfless service to the state, no matter how badly run. If the developed world's were thinking like this they may not have gone this far. Of course they have passed this level of mindset because their government has provided enough for the individual to sustain life at any level. Social security is an example. Individuals do not hustle to build house in the village, or dig bore hole for his people, buy car, or to send his children to school. Nevertheless there are opportunities of various kinds and there are fewer restrictions to wealth if one is ready

to explore. Honesty rules here because it is measure and secured by good administration. They do not hustle to impress anybody in other to be respected but to live a good life. And this does not mean competition over who earn more since everyone is comfortable at his level. But on the other side the individual want to make money so that he can be honoured in his society. Thus the concept of “making it,” is at the level of how much money you have made or you have in the bank. You rarely see people like Mother Theresa, Martin Lurter King or Saint Frances. Even the so called religious or educated individuals also has this concept physical cash as the ultimate, otherwise there is nothing that comes out of who does not think like the rest that will be accepted as good or meaningful. The women are most vulnerable in this and are so in tune with this perception about success. Most women from West Africa go to Europe or America, Near, Middle or Far East to do domestic work in other to bring wealth home because the exchange gives greater value in cash. The result for some of these people at long run is permanent poverty, death, disability, prostitution, membership of secret organization, Drug addiction, drug peddling and many other ills. Thus women in Africa go to places like Kuwait, Libya, Lebanon, Israel, Italy, Germany, Bulgaria and other parts of Europe to do domestic work. Onyeama, D.( 1972) in his John Bulls Niger wrote thus:

Till this day I've remained resentful that they are so blinded with the materialistic gains of monetary returns, that the vast majority gladly occupies positions which the bulk of the whites consider below their dignity to touch. Occupations such as porters, street-cleaners, railway-men, bus drivers and conductors seem to be the main attraction.

The modern attraction is that many are deceived from the onset, killed, raped, used as sex slaves and all other dangerous sacrifices. They troop to these foreign lands, taking risks, for greener pastures in order to enrich their families. Even at home there are many forms of slavery. Some are regarded as domestic servants. The world continues to trade on human activities especially against the development of their people.

What Onyeama predicted in the1970's is escalating in the 2020's. The orientation of material wealth as the value of life is destroying the development of the third world. Even the so called educated live with this perception and so who will bail the cat. As Onyeama(1974)reiterated, “One reason some have volunteered not to return home is that their countries have nothing to offer them. Fair enough. But my question to that is quiet simple: why can't they return home and do something about it?—Go back and make their homes attractive and habitable?”

Students ask for career advice based on which course will earn them more money and not where one will serve the society best or more or where they have the talent or passion to serve; even when the student has no passion for the career. By fair or foul means he struggles to graduate.

Women submit under this principle and they encourage an easy flow of transaction or traffic among their folks. They send their daughters out with prayer, calling it a miracle when they succeed ; to go and do the odd jobs abroad. The younger generation is doomed in these societies because they go to school with this perception. That is why they cannot think of what they will do for the government but what the government will do for them. Thus a young girl evaluates a man based on his capacity to provide such resources. This is the bane of a society in a modern world. Another stressing factor is dependence on spiritual means--magic. Such thoughts cannot contribute anything meaningful unless to serve as second class. They kill each other over their natural resources and exhibit the highest form of wickedness against each other. That makes their habitation a jungle. They continue to borrow to survive, living in contradictions, oppositions and irregularities. They have not left the level of dependence to subsistence because of this idea about existence. They must look up to foreign standards. They cannot put their creativity to their use maximally unless through brain drain. They measure success with physical income or wealth without any long term expectation. They cannot postpone comfort because they think with their eyes. When they move to an organized or well developed environment they maintain control because they know that if they err the law will deal mercilessly with them. The truth is that unlike where they are servants, they are freer in their origin to do what they like. To beg for bread is better than to be a slave.

**Ignorance:** even among the so called educated, it is frightening and infuriating that ignorance is not recognized as misdemeanor. In some people's hearts, tribalism, nepotism, selfishness, hatred, intimidation and all forms of vices rules. This cannot be said to be a civilized people because civilization refines the mind to see clearly the nature of things. Civilisation is supposed to refine the mind and perception of the individual to a central or general rule that guides interaction or relationships—where the law rules there is usually peace. One must not love everybody but one must not go against the rule which is an offence to the state, especially against humanity. There is no mercy in judgment for what is not right. This is a natural phenomenon. What is wrong in being honest about a situation? After all is gone the truth remains. A majority believes that life is fighting fellow humans instead of challenges; claiming what does not belong to one as a sign of prowess; exploiting or using fellow humans as a tool of progress. This is slavery in disguise and is tantamount to barbarism.

### **Indirect Forms of Slavery in the Modern World That Is Least Considered as Slavery**

These forms of slavery happen in-house or in most unusual form that is not suspected as such. They look simple but dehumanizing especially against one who is being used or abused.

1. Child molestation—the child-maid though given that most house helps or maids are uncanny, violent, mischievous, bad or harmful for many reasons, the majority of the situation are dominated by the owner who treats the maid as a thing and the general house or public overlooks it as such—the likes of a less privileged or orphan are examples. Cases are reported in the media on how most of these house helps are treated; but it is never considered as a kind of slavery. The younger ones grow up thinking that there are some people provided by nature to be used as sub human, people who are less human. In 2006 in Lagos, a little girl of about ten years serving as a maid in her sister's house had the courage to report her sister in a nearby police station of how she is maltreating her and refusing to pay her school fees; keeping her at home to do domestic work while her sisters children were in school. It did not end their relationship.

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## **CONCLUSION**

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Human beings are not for sale. Human Trafficking is slavery and should be abolished because of the condition it puts the bought. It is the same with the slave period in the 18<sup>th</sup>.

All these forms of slavery sum up to determine human society and how to survive in it. What affects one affects all. Efforts must be made to give mankind the freedom to exist without fear of molestation from fellow beings provided one is not going against the law.

Where slavery is accepted as a tradition, the exploited or used does not consider his condition as abnormal. This is the greatest lie of mankind to himself; that he is superior and others are inferior, that he deserves the best while others deserves less because of his position.

A Nations broad cast warns its citizens thus: “do not believe job promises abroad. Many people who want to pass through the desert walk into slavery.”

The Greek artist started signing his art works as at the 4<sup>th</sup> B.C. The school of Athens is a historical example of the beginning of a statutory training of people in an environment which is today called school. Praxiteles was one of the greatest artists of the Greeks. His works titled, “Hermes with Young Dionysus,” found in the temple Olympia was thought of as being created about 350 B. C. Gombrich writes of Praxiteles fame, “The greatest artist of that century, Praxiteles, was above all famed for the charm of his work and for the sweetness and insinuating character of his creations. His most celebrated work, whose praise was sung in many poems, represented the goddess of love, the youthful Aphrodite, stepping into her bath.” As at this stage in human history the Greeks had reached a level of civilization to the extent that artists have started signing their works. But in most cultures artists started signing their art works from the 20<sup>th</sup> century. When one wakes from sleep is ones morning. It was not because of a backward civilization but because of the



mindset and cultural underpinning. Positive hard work is the only route to success and freedom as we can see from Praxiteles example.

So many young people are working very hard in Africa but not in the right direction. There are so many intelligent people wasting their time on the streets, without knowing better, because of their orientation; growing older, with Wrong perspectives that is not yielding the expected result. They are thinking of how to earn financial help through manipulations and this is what they call survival. Even the employed, especially in financial institution, if given the opportunity, live through manipulating figures if uncaught. They are not thinking productively. Yet they religiously declare their faith openly. As Okonjon Eweala(2020) rightly advised, young people can create employment for themselves instead of waiting on government or depending on official gambling. Many “educated” individuals depend on this. Agriculture promises a virile future in Africa because the vegetation is still green. It is a sector that has been unexplored to the best of human use. Oil may subside one day by sale or use but agriculture is permanently everlasting. Nothing can reduce or outweigh its providence, financially or otherwise.

Human trafficking is modern slavery. Ancient or modern, they have the same characteristics and should be condemned by modern civilization.

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## SUGGESTIONS

Guidance and counseling in the school seems to be bearing less fruit. Curriculum adjustment should include guidance and counseling in all the courses at first degree level since the secondary school is not enough.

Modern forms of slavery are most practiced against the vulnerable, less privileged and especially children and women. It is a violation of International Human Rights law. A 16 year old is a minor and they are hot cakes in the modern slave market but the point is that the dealers increase their age in the paper for them to pass as matured for the job. It is irresponsibility against the state. The used are ignorant of their condition for the reasons that have been outlined one of which is poverty created by the state or administration through wrong practice or mindset.

Individuals should report such practices.

It is not proper for one to run away from ones people but to help to develop them and transform the negative orientation about success to a positive one. Success should not be counted based only on financial gain. This concept of success should be corrected. Financial freedom should not be counted as the first instance of success. There are other important values in life that is original to success. Money is important. It only supports life. But life is

more important. A good mindset of virtue is a successful life. Mindset is an aspect of mental slavery. And this has lured so many into modern slavery and as traffickers. The greener pasture is in Africa. One should stop moving. The greener pasture is where you are. “How you make your bed so you lie on it.”

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## RECOMMENDATION

One can create a personal standard. It may be criticized but later others might come to accept it. We do not condemn foreign standards but it should not dampen original development of native values or standards based on modern experience. One can adopt what works for one instead of looking elsewhere for acceptance where often one is turned into a slave to his model. There is no standard in human trafficking and cannot be recommended.

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