THEORIES OF PHRENOLOGY, EUGENICS, NEOLOGY AND BIRTH CONTROL IN NIGERIA

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Abstract
Birth control in Nigeria is quite unnecessary because a population of over 140 million people has 2.8 percent of those over 65 and above. They were described as sub men by Sanger and Malthus, as conservative people compared with labourers in Europe who are road cleaners and factory workers perpetually. They had had many educational programmes that had failed. The Free Primary Education in the defunct Western Region, Universal Primary Education and Model Schools side by side with Universal Basic Education without a cure for the failure of others. The rate of maternal and child mortality in the rural areas is not being addressed. It is an enigma to compare with European countries with 90 – 100 years life expectancy. Medical services need be improved upon before meaningful family planning is encouraged.

Introduction
The study of human development outside developmental psychology that hinges on Anti and post natal, infancy, early and late adolescent and adult hood which is based on gradual development according to mental development and behaviours may not be the focus of this piece of work. Eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth century scientists like Thomas Robert Malthus (1766 – 1834), Margaret Sanger (1879 – 1966) and Marie Stopes (1880 – 1958) who propounded the theories of phrenology and Eugenics shall be dealt with as they affect Africa and Nigeria in particular.

The theory of neology that seems to reduce the rigid principles of Phrenology and Eugenics shall be discussed on its own. The on-going permissiveness and lawlessness among Nigerian leaders since 1954 till date calls for a new dimension in the body politics in the country.

Phrenology is the study of the skull of a new born baby to determine whether the child will be of use to the society. The size of the head is a determinant of what he can contribute. Eugenicists hold the view that greatness and squalor are determined by genetic traits and any child discovered to be of low mentality should be sterilized. Sanger quoted by Golden (1981) concluded that Africans are sub-men and some European labourers are sub-sub-men that are permanently road cleaners and factory workers. They take instructions always.

Malthus cited by Golden (1981) said sub men and poor people were sinners who came to the world to suffer for the sins of their forefathers. It is a sin to help the poor because you will be doing much disservice to the society. The Jews believed that God cursed the poor and leprous therefore, they should be isolated or not allowed to exist. It was probably due to this that the exponents of Russian Communism, Karl Marx describe Religion as opium of the poor because undue liberalism has not helped the society much.

Egharegbemi (1968) in his theory of neology said a person who considers privileges occasioned by science to insult another person is a human best. He described education as the development of natural history of the human mind to live a course of reasoning for the development of a nation. A man is not important except his roles can benefit others. No man can attain this height except his mind is very fertile. The present socio-religious practices in Nigeria viza viz the political
system from 1954 to date call for a careful study to justify the old theories of phrenology, eugenics, Marie Stope and the current neological structure in Nigeria.

Nigeria
Nigeria has 140,003,547 people
0 – 14 years 43.6%
15 – 64 years 53.6%
65 and above 2.8%
Growth rate 2.56%
Chevron Diary, 2007.

The Universal Basic Education is bound to fail in Nigeria because the programme is not being pursued judiciously. For instance, according to Akpan (2002), Nigerian spent 0.7% of education budged on primary education. The materials for the programme are not available yet. The 1955 Free Primary Education and Universal Primary Education, 1976 did not succeed. The reasons for their failures had not been addressed properly. The on-going model secondary school in Delta State side by side with the UBE are enigma because they have a different phase.

Does Nigeria Need Birth Control?
The acceptance of the theories of phrenology and Eugenics may sound inhuman now because it sounds barbaric but people still practice euthanasia as a medium of reducing agony before death. Spartans that encouraged phrenology and Eugenic practices were able to survive with controllable population of intellectuals. The people had good concepts of nationhood rather than individuality, ethnic groups, cultism and gangrening at the expense of others.
The two theories of Phrenology and Eugenics that had been reduced or condemned by neology are being maintained unconsciously in Nigeria for the following reasons.
Age structure in Nigeria
0 – 14 years 43.6%
15 – 64 years 53.6%
65 and above 2.8 %
(Source: Delta State House of Assembly Diary, 2008).

Sanger cited by Golden (1981) said Africans are sub-men, the people Plato classified as peasants and emotional. They are conservatives, rigid, crude, violent and take instructions and reacted to them undiluted. They are used by the intellectuals to control the society. Nigerian with selected few intellectuals does not need birth control because the 97.2% of the population are within 0 – 64 years of age with very poor medical service.

For example, the present free medical treatments for anti natal has a problem of drugs which some pregnant women must buy from the roadside chemists. Some of the drugs could be fake.

The Level of Violence in Nigeria
Thuggery was introduced into Nigerian politics in 1959. Many parochial may conclude that they were raised by Late Chief Obafemi Awolowo to oppress his political opponents with a view to winning elections. The 1962 Western Crisis and Treasonable Felony charge and consequent imprisonment were vindictive. The deputy leader of Action Group Party, Chief S.L. Akintola justified the thuggery. They were out to ruin him. In his speech before Justice Showemimo in 1963, he said “in darkness I am leaving you and in darkness I will come back to meet you.” After much
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Many people died, houses were burnt and many deserted their homes.

Intermittent and sporadic Muslim sect insurrections involved many deaths and places left desolate in the Northern part of Nigeria.

Modakeke and Ile-Ife crisis had many deaths and destruction of houses.

Warri crises that had been on since 1936 over the issue of Olu of Warri when Ginuwa II was installed was re-echoed in 1952 when Erejuwa II became the gazetted Olu of Warri. Many people were killed among the spirited (emotional) and sub men (peasants). (Ikime 1977).

Misdirected aggression came up in 1996 when Ogidigben that was to be the headquarter of Warri South-West was changed to G.R.A. Ijaw took the bull by the horn and reacted against the Itsekiri. Inconsistence, selfishness of the Itsekiri to pervert justices gave birth to the famous Warri Crises. Over 90 villages were desolate, death rate was colossal and many died later by frustration. Ijaw versus Urhobo and Urhobo against Itsekiri reduced the population of Nigeria.

On the 17th August, 2003 the last phase of the Warri crises occurred. Many people were killed and the living vowed never to repeat it again. The peace treaty that followed gave birth to the creation of an accord among Isoko, Ijaw and Itsekiri without rehabilitation of those that were affected by Warri crises.

Medical Service in Nigeria

Of what advantage is birth control in a country with poor medical services meant for the aristocrats? For example, Warri with so many oil companies and Local Government Head quarters has only one general hospital. Private clinics run by many first line doctors abound everywhere. A medical doctor is supposed to be employed for every 500 people. Warri, Ughelli and Asaba, the seat of Delta State Government need more than a general hospital each.

People complain about fake drugs bought outside the hospitals, how many hospitals in Nigeria have adequate drugs subsidized for the populace? The present herbal drugs for food supplements from U.S.A. and China everywhere in Nigeria are meant for the wealthy intellectuals because they are not subsidized. They should be subsidized if birth control must be encouraged.

Gas flared as Percentage of Gross Production (2000)

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(Source; friends of the World 2004).

Almost all the oil locations in Niger Delta Region are in the aquatic salt-water mangrove swamp forest belts. They are in the rural areas. The areas in the Niger-Delta fall within the description of German Government in 1992.
According to Okaba 2005 commenting on the poverty state amongst people of the oil producing areas said:

The poor are people who are unable to live
A decent life and hence, poverty means not having enough to eat, a high
rate of infant mortality a low life expectancy, low educational opportunities,
lack of drinking water, unfit for housing and inadequate health care. (Cited
by Okaba 2005).

This is an apt description of rural areas in Niger-Delta oil producing area with gas flaring of
76%. They have no good houses to stay, no medical facilities, they live form hand to mouth and the
whole areas are mosquito infested. The age expectancy of 2.8%, 65 and above is quite unrealistic to
the people. They do not need birth control because the death rate among them is very high.

The comfortable aspect of their life is the mere belief that their problems are caused by some
one else in the family. This psychological notion keeps them on for a long time combating the evil
sources. Ninety people die out of every 1000 there fore; there is no need for sterilization of unwanted
children according to Sanger. (Chevron Diary 2007).

Gas flaring and other agents of pollution in Nigeria are militating against birth control. The
wealthy does not control birth because they can afford to educate them. Secondly their children are
born into wealth; they only need the peasants to maintain peace in the society while they rule.

Justification of the Theories of Phrenology and Eugenics

Plato, one of the supporters of the two theories divided the society into three – intellectuals
(the reasoned) emotional (spirited) and the peasants (serfs or the common men). These dichotomies
support the principles of neology.

1. Sanger and Malthus wanted a disciplined society like the Spartans with a view to reducing the
level of crime and sin in the society. Today, armed robbers are found among the emotional
and the peasants. The security men along the roads no matter how unfaithful they are to
humanity they protect many from the nefarious activities of the die-hard criminals. It is
truisms that some of them pervert justice, most of them do it discretely. The die-hard
peasants who are drug addicts die in large numbers every day because of much
monodirectional thinking system.

2. For example, motorcyclist transporters are mainly among the sinners of Sanger and most of
them are trained and educated. They cause a lot of accident daily in urban centers. They
know ‘how’ and not ‘that’ according to Hirst (1974). To know ‘how’ is mere manipulation of
learnt skills without ability to transfer ideas to other areas. To know ‘that’ is its opposite but
it involves knowing ‘how’ to enable sound reasoning and regard for humanity. To know ‘that’
belongs to the intellectuals of Plato.

3. Death rate among the emotional and the serfs is so much that birth control may not be
necessary. Death tole in Jesse pipe line fire, fire out break in Jalla, fire disaster near Warri
refinery, Warri crises, Aladja, Ogbe Ijo/Debiri communal conflicts and Esama Gbarigolo
conflict was devastating. The Ife/Modakeke crises and unpublished fire out breaks among the
bunkers along the rivers and creeks leaves much to be desired. These seem to support
indirectly the theory of Phrenology though no death in infancy as a result of measuring the
skull and sterilization, they still misbehave and die carelessly.

4. Road accident occurs among the intellectuals almost on daily basis. Much number of deaths
is recorded. They are caused by the drivers of the emotional and peasant groups. Nigeria, an
identity society needs a lot of the less reasonable for thugs, armed robbers and for self-defence. The nobility shares from the sins of the people.

5. Religions – Christianity, Islam and Traditional Religions are opium of the poor to a large extent. Christianity, an offshoot of Judaism was out to develop high moral standard and psychic ability to develop the latent potentials in man. Celestial being in man is suppose to be developed to an extent of vicarious visualization of the realms above. The present emotional activities among Christiandom are caused by semi intellectuals who can exploit the emotional and the peasants. It is a perpetuation of the phrenologist and eugenicist description of Africans as sub-men and European labourers as sub-sub-men because they are easily indoctrinated. The sub-men have a defined society devoid of derivative and comparative analysis.

Islam seems to be worse because the peasants are told that God wants them to be peasants. They were always very ready to serve and obey instructions from God ordained wealthy men.

Traditional religion has a lot of forces though many want people to believe it is superstitious. It has much moral teachings that keep the people intact. The recent Warri crises (1996 – 2003) had much to be considered. People were able to use acid without harm; cutlass and guns were rendered impotent at some quarters etc. The intellectuals used them to raise the emotional level of the two groups to cause problems for others.

These people allowed by the theory of neology create problems for the intellectuals thus the need for arms invention, different religious groups and sects are out to sustain and carry them along.

6. Fertility Rate and Veneral Diseases. The growth rate in Nigeria in 2002 was 2.56 percent although fertility rate was 5.59 percent in 2001, HIV/AIDS 2.7 million (Federal Ministry of Health 1999) and maternal mortality rate was 764 for every 100,000 mothers. These are much more prevalent in the urban and semi – urban areas.

Men in the rural areas of Ondo, Lagos, Edo, Delta and Bayelsa have chains of wives. A man may have up to 5 or 6 wives. They are sources of labour. Itsekiri, Ijaw, Ilaje and Urhobo are very famous polygamists. Maternal and child mortality rate are quite discouraging. They are very much exposed to diseases and hazards. Griffith (1968), described the rural areas as generally of poor people living a subsistent life, no medical facilities, the dispensaries have no drugs, the schools may not have yup to primary six, no pleasure centers and they can be very aggressive. Most people die of ignorance and frustration in the rural areas. Birth control in Nigeria could be an attempt to estaminate some ethnic groups particularly those of the rural-aquatic regions. A country like Nigeria whose population feed on an average of one dollar a day does not need Birth control. Secondly, the people are poor and most of them are of abject poverty level.

Conclusion

Sanger and Malthus theories seem to have been the basis of superstition among Africans. They are dependants of low moral level and selfish. It may not be far fetched to conclude that the few wealthy Nigerians have fluctuating mental attitudes because the rate at which they swindle money abroad is alarming. Most of them could be regarded as having poor mentality. They only stumbled on wealth not ordained of God because they are sinners. Wealth acquired by opportunity does not push one to the level of intellectual, it only remove one from peasantry to emotional cadre that exploits the less privileged by all means in Nigeria.
Leaders in Nigeria since 1954 to 2007 had been involved in one thing or the other that are socially and economically undesirable. They were all international swindlers. Most confiscated asserts were returned, unqualified candidates were allowed to contest elections and win, dishonesty is a virtue in the presence of financial power, abandoned projects abound, arm robbery is an issue of survival of the fittest etc. It should be noted that the Lord does not like these hence we are living from hand to mouth. These should be addressed before birth control. No country can grow in the absence of transparent honesty. People who are dishonest cannot practice birth control because their sins will hunt them.

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