

Building a New Nigeria through Social Studies Education: Students' Perception

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Abstract

The numerous age long socio-political cum economic problems faced by Nigeria since independence which seem to have heightened in the present dispensation suggest that all hands must be on deck to build a new Nigeria. The building of a new Nigeria transcends the structural aspects and requires the building of the people that make up the nation. To build the individuals with national feelings and tolerant attitude require a value re-orientation of the people. Social studies education is one subject that offers ample opportunity for the development of such values and attitudes in the citizens. This paper examines the place of social study education in building a new Nigeria and presents the report of a research carried out on the area of religious tolerance- one of the major problem areas militating against national unity in Nigeria.