

On Political Power and Social Ego: Examining A Contemporary Threat to People's Social Egalitarianism

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Abstract

This article discusses the anomalous political leadership trends that have become common in post-liberation settlements. I formulate the concept of 'a native imperialist' to describe challenges characterising Africa's wielders of political power. This phraseology is inspired significantly by Frantz Fanon's conceptualisation of the 'national bourgeoisie', also known as former freedom fighter, and now an opulence-obsessed delinquent who exploits people's imperfect literacy levels, and in the extreme, the desperation of the poor electorate. The object of this article is to illustrate how a native imperialist adversely inhibits the quest of realising meaningful social egalitarianism and human wellbeing among African states. The article discusses the impact of inept and inconsiderate political leadership on people centered leadership and how his egocentrism impedes advancement of ideals of good governance and sustainable social development. It is asserted that a native imperialist drew inspiration from his colonial history, and is more concerned with accumulating ill-gotten wealth, thus advancing self-aggrandisement, living a horribly socialised VIP lifestyle. This is attributable to dire absence of socio-political ideological strategy. As a result, Fanon describes this political leadership as a mere intermediary of erstwhile colonial master and abhorrent post-liberation monopoly capital in its classic form, largely owing to the fact that he invents no plan to rescue his electorate from the heritage of poverty and deprivations, except for employing race hate and economic ownership patterns to manipulate voting decisions of the lumpenproletariat. It is asserted that Africa's inept political leadership exploits the post-liberation settlements to arrogate unto themselves, non-existent superior wisdom, while adopting narcissism and replacing the merciless bourgeoisie.

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