

## **An Afrocentric perspective on the Efficacy of the Chapter 9 Institutions: Resurrecting South Africa Public Administration from its Ethical Death"**

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### **Abstract**

The key purpose of this paper is to explore the efficacy of Chapter nine (9) institutions as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996. The paper argues that the state of affairs of these Chapter 9 institutions are primarily affected by the politics-administration dichotomy. Political interference is perceived to be underlying factor that affect the operation and administration of these independent institutions. Thus, these autonomous institutions are failing to efficaciously implement their constitutional mandates as prescribed. For instance, these autonomous institutions are also seen as toothless institutions because they are inadequate in holding public officials and political office-bearers accountable. Although, South Africa has great legislative frameworks that make clear provisions on the functions and administration of the Chapter 9 institutions, politicians and the governing political leaders are still feared. The paper is grounded by the Afrocentricity Theory better explained by Asante in his book titled "*Afrocentricity: the theory of social change*" published in 1980 and 2003. The Afrocentric theory "provides educational thought on power, dominance, racism and the need to escape victimization". Thus, some of the Chapter 9 institutions/individuals are still colonized (captured), held by racist and Africans are the victims of the system. Indeed, there is a need to escape from colonization, racism and the victimization system. This paper adopted a qualitative research design in a form of a systematic literature review. The paper concludes that the power and functions of Chapter 9 institutions need to be revised and reformed for a better-transformed South Africa.

**Keywords:** *Afrocentricity theory, Chapter 9, Constitution, Efficacy, Ethics, and South Africa.*

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