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Abstract

Sexuality issues continue to generate heated arguments whenever such issues are discussed. This is because of the nature of sexuality which often evokes emotional debates. Second, sexuality plays an important role in population politics of families and nations and most economic policies have been fashioned to suit sexuality and its consequences. Furthermore, religious laws and a whole range of taboos have been webbed around the subject of sexuality. Thus, sexuality has throughout history been subject to manipulation and control of individuals and societies for varying reasons. The study which this paper presents, therefore, examines the Nigerian print media coverage of sexuality issues with the intent of determining treatment, framing and relevance. The findings show that the Nigerian print media did not give adequate coverage to sexuality issues for the period under study although most of the stories reported were of high quality. Furthermore, the reported stories were not given the prominence they deserve. It is recommended therefore that the media should demystify the concept of human sexuality and enhance the right sexual attitude amongst individuals in the society by ensuring that majority of the stories on sexuality issues are sourced from specialists so as to enhance the quality of information disseminated to the public on the subject matter. **Key words:** Sex, Sexual Health, Sexuality Education, Sexual Right, Nigerian Press.