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Abstract: This paper shows that metaphors of power and corruption are used discursively in media stories as a means of sensitizing, motivating and mobilizing the people towards social change. Data are obtained from some publications of *The Guardian*, *The Punch*, *Tell*, and *The News* between 1998 and 2006. The study demonstrates that in media discourse, metaphors of power and corruption are constructed to explain some schema that communicates the peculiar Nigerian experience. Metaphors of power demonstrate that political power in Nigeria whether military or civilian are obvious manifestations of autocracy, despotism and tyranny, while the metaphors of corruption show that corruption is a regular activity especially among public officers in Nigeria and whose effect is extremely destructive. The paper therefore concludes that metaphors are an effective means of communicating reality and the issues of national development.