

Title of Article: Economic Constraints, Restlessness and Criminality among Niger-Delta Youths: a Reflexive

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Abstract: The most significant challenges confronting several developing nations globally consist of rising population rate and slow or zero economic growth rate worsened by corruption. The spill-over of these related variables is consistently measured in high unemployment rate, depreciating standard of living and crime. Consequently, the problem when quantified presents an excruciating effect for the populace and triggers different responses to the frustration it engenders. In Nigeria, the most affected segment of the population consist of the youth most of who do not only acquire the requisite qualification for job placement but also constitute the significant portion of her population whose potential remained under utilized. This underutilization accounts for increasing restlessness, rebellion disorderliness, and crime across major ethnic boundaries. Within this context, the paper examines the problem of youth neglect as a precursor of restlessness in the Niger-Delta region. It also locates restlessness in this region within the ambit of state induced disorderliness and criminality and concludes with solutions to the current problems.