

Women and the Nation: Redefining Nigerian History

In the annals of post-colonial Nigeria, the narrative of nationhood has long been dominated by male voices and perspectives. Yet, within the tapestry of history, women have played an integral role in shaping the country's identity, development, and aspirations. "Women and Nation in Postwar Nigeria: New African Histories" offers a groundbreaking examination, challenging traditional accounts to present a more inclusive and accurate understanding of Nigeria's past.

Women's Struggles and Agency

The book delves into the complexities of women's experiences in postwar Nigeria, providing an insightful analysis of their struggles and agency. From the everyday challenges of navigating a patriarchal society to the resilience they exhibited in the face of adversity, the authors paint a vivid picture of women striving to carve a space for themselves in a rapidly changing world.



The Great Upheaval: Women and Nation in Postwar Nigeria (New African Histories) by Judith A. Byfield

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The Politics of Gender and Identity

"Women and Nation in Postwar Nigeria" explores the intricate relationship between gender and identity, examining how women's roles and identities were shaped by the political and social forces of the time. The book explores the ways in which women engaged with nationalism, negotiated their citizenship, and challenged traditional gender roles.

Women in Leadership and Public Life

The book sheds light on the stories of remarkable women who defied societal norms and achieved significant roles in leadership and public life. From politicians like Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti to union organizers like Adunni Oluwole, these women played a pivotal role in shaping Nigeria's political landscape and advocating for women's rights.

Women and the Informal Economy

Recognizing the vital contributions of women to Nigeria's economy, "Women and Nation" also examines their participation in the informal sector. From petty trading to market women's associations, the book highlights the resilience and entrepreneurial spirit of women in the face of limited opportunities.

Women's Rights and Feminist Movements

The book traces the evolution of women's rights movements in postwar Nigeria, exploring the struggles and achievements of women in advocating for their rights and challenging patriarchal norms. It sheds light on the

challenges they faced, the strategies they employed, and the progress made towards gender equality.

The Impact of Globalization and Structural Adjustment

"Women and Nation" examines the impact of globalization and structural adjustment policies on women's lives in Nigeria. It analyzes how these policies affected women's economic opportunities, access to education and healthcare, and their ability to participate in decision-making processes.

"Women and Nation in Postwar Nigeria: New African Histories" is a transformative work that challenges traditional narratives and offers a comprehensive understanding of the role of women in shaping Nigeria's post-colonial identity and development. By highlighting their struggles, resilience, and contributions, the book sheds new light on the complexities of Nigerian history and opens up new avenues for research and dialogue on gender, politics, and social change.

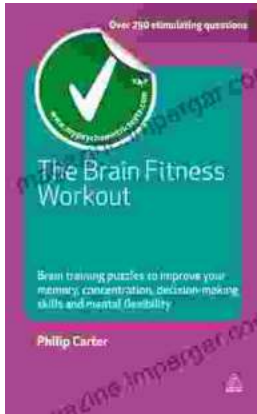


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