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**The 4 C's of Nigeria**

Use the websites provided, as well as sources from my website (videos) to answer the questions assigned.

**CLEAVAGES**

- *Nigerians Deeply Divided by Religion on Key Issues* (Gallup) - <https://news.gallup.com/poll/246689/nigerians-deeply-divided-religion-key-issues.aspx>
- *The bloody cattle conflict pushing Nigeria to the edge of civil war* (The Telegraph) - <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/global-health/terror-and-security/battle-scarce-resources-muslim-cattle-herders-christian-farmers/>
- *Nigeria Deeply Divided, says UN report* - <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2016/09/nigeria-deeply-divided-says-un-report/>
- *Explainer – The Race for Nigeria's Presidency in 2019* (Reuters) - <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-nigeria-election-explainer/explainer-the-race-for-nigerias-presidency-in-2019-idUSKCN1QA1FE>

1. **Describe the politically relevant cleavages in Nigeria (categorize and provide specific examples) –**
  
2. **Explain why these cleavages exist –**
  
3. **Explain how these cleavages have affected recent elections held in Nigeria –**
  
4. **Explain how these cleavages have caused conflict among citizens (cite specific examples) –**
  
5. **Explain how these cleavages are affected by federalist characteristics in Nigeria –**
  
6. **Explain how these cleavages affect representation in national legislatures –**

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**CRUDE OIL**

- *The Battle is Waging in Nigeria Over Control of Oil* (VICE News special) - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAgw\\_Zyznx0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAgw_Zyznx0)
- *Trouble is Brewing in Nigeria's Oil Country* (Foreign Policy) - <https://foreignpolicy.com/2016/06/14/trouble-is-brewing-in-nigerias-oil-country/>
- *Human Rights Watch: Nigeria 2018* - <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2019/country-chapters/nigeria>

1. **Explain how natural resources affect political and economic development in Nigeria –**
2. **Describe positive impacts of oil in Nigeria –**
3. **Describe negative impacts of oil in Nigeria –**
4. **Explain how oil has affected the relationship between citizens and the government –**
5. **Explain how oil has affected the overall state of the Nigerian economy –**
6. **Describe the influence that MNCs (multi-national corporations) have on Nigerian political happenings –**
7. **Does Nigeria suffer from a “resource curse”? Explain why –**
8. **Describe the role of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation in global markets –**

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**COUP DE'TAT**

*How the First Coup still haunts Nigeria 50 Years On* (BBC News) - <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-35312370>

*1999: Nigeria Ends Military Rule* (BBC News) - <https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-africa-11405107/1999-nigeria-ends-military-rule>

1. Explain the process for a change in the executive in Nigeria between 1960 and 1999 –
  - a. Explain why this process was continually stalled –
  
2. Explain the process of Nigerian democratization since independence –
  - a. Explain why this process was continually stalled –
  
3. Explain how military rule was considered a legitimate source of power in Nigeria –
  - a. Was there another source of legitimacy that Nigeria lacked during this time? If so, what?
  
4. Explain how Nigerian coups differ from the Iranian Revolution –
  
  
5. Based on your knowledge of the course, explain how Nigeria can best maintain democratic political norms -

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## **CORRUPTION**

*Democracy has Stalled in Nigeria* (Council on Foreign Relations) - <https://www.cfr.org/blog/democracy-nigeria-has-stalled>

*Nigerian Police Are in Desperate Need of Reform* (Council on Foreign Relations) - <https://www.cfr.org/blog/nigerian-police-are-desperate-need-reform>

*Difficulties Continue for Nigerian Journalists Covering Government* (Council on Foreign Relations) - <https://www.cfr.org/blog/difficulties-continue-nigerian-journalists-covering-government>

*Human Rights Watch: Nigeria 2018* - <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2019/country-chapters/nigeria>

*Prebendalism and Dysfunctionality in Nigeria* (Brookings) -

<https://www.brookings.edu/opinions/prebendalism-and-dysfunctionality-in-nigeria/>

- 1. Describe characteristics of Nigerian politics that support the idea that corruption is a rampant problem –**
- 2. Explain how political participation is affected by perceived corruption –**
- 3. Explain how daily life is affected by political corruption –**
- 4. Describe specific examples of how political corruption has eroded legitimacy –**
- 5. Explain how MNC's contribute to the problem –**
- 6. Based on your knowledge of the course, describe circumstances that could erode the political corruption –**