

Dear Editor

RENO OMOKRI IS A SHAMELESS POLITICAL HYPOCRITE

Political hypocrisy seems to have taken a special place in the political process of Nigeria – Azowue, O. E (2024). It is shameful when a supposed intellectual who fights against a certain bad character, turns the next day to sing praises of the same character – Azowue, O. E (2024)

The character called Pastor Reno Omokri seems to have made political hypocrisy his source of livelihood. This is the same character who floods the social media with admonitions to Nigeria youths on the need to be hardworking and productive in their lives, but he has no known business venture or source of livelihood beyond either singing the praises of politicians in his patronage list and criticizing those who have refused to patronize him in his well-crafted venture of political hypocrisy. It was Pastor Reno Omokri who had told Nigerians that voting for Muhammadu Buhari and the APC against the PDP would be the greatest mistake of their lives. He zealously campaigned for his Principal, Former President Goodluck Jonathan during the 2015 Presidential election in Nigeria. When Muhammadu Buhari was eventually declared the winner of the election in Nigeria, he never spared to criticize every policy of the administration all through its stay in government. When Alhaji Atiku Abubakar of the PDP was contesting against Ahmed Bola Tinubu of the APC for the presidential stool of Nigeria, Pastor Reno Omokri wrote several damning things against Bola Tinubu. He called him a drug baron who will turn Nigeria into a drug infested country, which will lead to blacklisting of the country by the industrialized and powerful countries across the globe. He called Bola Tinubu a misfit who is attempting to take over power as Nigeria President through every dubious means available to him.

When many Nigerians felt Peter Obi was a better option than Bola Tinubu and Atiku Abubakar, his political patron, he called Peter Obi a weak presidential candidate who won't be able to navigate the challenges the country was passing through. He called the Obidient Political Movement that was campaigning vigorously for the presidential quest of Peter Obi a blind mob that will phase out even before the 2023 presidential election. Unfortunately, this was antithetical to his previous statement about the same Peter Obi, when he had met him earlier before the election campaign began. He had praised Peter Obi as one of the best human and resource-oriented presidential candidate when both of them had met abroad in an event. He also described Peter Obi as a sincere politician with a humane heart. But all these changed as soon as he was patronized by Atiku Abubakar to join his presidential campaign train. This is very unfortunate and shameful!

Today, Reno Omokri who was previously criticizing the administration of Bola Tinubu for its poor economic policies, after meeting with the president Bola Tinubu and some dollars given to him, he began to praise the same Bola Tinubu, who he had previously described as misfit and disaster, as the best president Nigeria has ever had. He has even begun to campaign for the re-election of Bola Tinubu for 2027. He no longer sees any wrong in the harsh economic policies of the administration which has



impoverished millions of Nigerians, devalued the naira to the detriment of the Nigerian economy, and plunged the country into astronomical debt as has never been seen before.

Pastor Reno Omokri is not just a disaster, but a shameless political hypocrite who has the capacity to change faster than the chameleon. He is a social critic who cares more of what he will be able to get for his livelihood, regardless of what the Nigerian masses are passing through. Those who still look up to men like Pastor Reno Omokri to defend them and their course should wake up from their deep slumber, as the man is nothing better than a political harlot and hypocrite who cares only about himself and his wellbeing, engraved in selfishness and self-centeredness.

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FG should look elsewhere for money instead of impoverishing the people

It is a known fact that countries all over the world are not rated by the amount of foreign reserves in their volts or the income they generate but by the welfare of the citizenry.

It is also more tragic that our leaders in their comical way of forcing bitter pills down the throats of the hapless downtrodden are still bent on executing their half thought policy of deregulation that will continue the grinding down of the faces of the poor masses. Nigeria being one of the most favoured countries by God Almighty ironically is bereft of patriotic and sympathetic leaders in all facets of the ladder of human existence. The strong and the rich take pride in tormenting the weak and the poor in the formers gross abuse of power and vibrant display of opulence that is questionable in most cases but left uninvestigated. The Federal government which is comprised of the rich and strong should look elsewhere for the fund to subsidize the oil sector and leave the poor masses at the uncomfortable level they have been condemned for ages. It is time the government starts to wean the over blown privileged few of some fraction of their questionable wealth by introducing property tax on luxurious and treasure properties of the rich and powerful to demonstrate that they are rich indeed. The masses are making tremendous sacrifice to keep the country going by bearing the brunt of the recklessness of the few privileged elements in the society, and should be left to mourn the dearth of visionary and patriotic leaders that have eluded the country for so long. The present administration is increasing the pump price of petroleum so frequently as if it came to power for the purpose of punishing the masses for not actually voting it to power. The founding fathers of Nigeria did not in their wildest dream envisage the present treatment being meted out to the masses of this country through draconian laws and insensitivity. In fact, the masses are likened to a man living by the riverside but wash his face with his spittle. This piece represents an appeal for the government to look elsewhere for the solution to rescue the economy as there is too much wastage of scarce resources by the affluent that should be used for resources by the affluent that should be used for the purpose of this so called subsidy and leave the downtrodden alone to continue managing their pauperized life.