

The Epic Battle of Structure Versus Structure

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The battle began sometime in June last year, 2022 between the ruling party, APC and the opposition Labour Party and is yet to abate. The battle, which has captured the interest of majority of Nigerians, has demystified the true meaning of Political Structure in the context of APC's idiosyncrasy. "We have the Structure", they informed us about it. They spoke audaciously about it, they emphasized it repeatedly. They said, "Labour Party and Obi cannot win elections, they have no structure." We didn't know what they meant by that. We ignorantly retorted back at them, thinking that the structure they were talking and boasting about was what the layman in the street knows about.



and run with it" of the Mafia King. When we saw these guys as part of the 'electoral officials' in Lagos, we didn't include them as part of the structure. The structure of APC includes the official compromise of the electoral umpire. The "glitches" in INEC, the announcement of 31% of results and blurring of 69% of the rest of the election results, was the outworking of the structure they were referring to. How could we have won the elections when INEC was part of the structure?

All the infractions that was committed on the Election Day by the APC structure of thugs, who and who was arrested? The reason is because the structure is firmly established in the security

agencies. The effrontery with which they asked us to go to court was again, the confidence of INEC and APC in their structure. In other words, 'When you go to court, you will meet us there'!

APC's redefinition of structure includes the siege or capture of the judiciary. The judiciary is part of the structure the APC talked about! When you listen to the ratio decidendi of the judgement of PEPT and the tone with which the judgment was delivered, you know that it was the handiwork of a well-coordinated, organized, and structured structure! How could we ever win in a contest of such a structure against the structureless? We have gone to the Supreme Court; the question is any difference between the Tribunal as part of the structure and the Supreme Court as part of the same structure? So, when they talk about the structure, there you have the meaning of political structure.

Invariably, if APC is concerned, we should forget about winning election because we don't have the structure. And of course, do we have the kind of structure they are talking about? Now that we understand what they mean by political structure, do you see that we have no structure? Nigerians must wake up to reality: the 'People's Structure', which is what LP and Obi have, is different from the Political Structure of APC and this is the battle. The people's structure won squarely but the political structure stole it. Only God, who can bulldoze all structures can give us victory in this epic fight against the system and its structure.

We understood naively and vaguely that political structure simply means organized political presence of a party from the ward level to the national level. So, we dared them. We told them that our structure is the people they have impoverished over the years. We told them that our structure is the students who couldn't go to school because the APC government neglected to listen and grant the request of their lecturers. We told them that our structure is the poor people who couldn't afford three square meals a day. We reminded them that our structure was the dismal performance of APC's eight years tenure. In summary, our understanding of political structure was the people. Interestingly, what I referred to as the System in my widespread articles was what APC cleverly dubbed as Structure! But we didn't understand a thing about it. Oh, I wished we knew what they meant by political structure! They must have mocked and laughed us to scorn seeing us groping in the dark, completely ignorant of their redefinition of 'Structure'. The word 'structure' according to APC's political lexicon has a wide spectrum of discreet, diabolical, unethical, political maneuverings than the meaning we find in Webster's Dictionary.

APC'S redefinition of structure is not just having people at all levels of political delimitations. It's having people to do dirty jobs in designated places and institutions where it matters. According to APC, political structure includes having a solid, well-funded daredevil thugs drawn from Marijuana (Igbo) pipers, Agberos, and Dokubo boys whose business is to carry out the orders; "grab it, snatch it,