

## **RAPE EPIDEMIC IN NIGERIA: CASES, CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES AND RESPONSES TO THE PANDEMIC**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Rape is a worrisome epidemic that is becoming problematic in contemporary Nigeria due to many factors that are already inherent in the Nigerian society such as sex myths, culture of silence associated with rape, modernizing influences and peer group pressure among several others. This article is essentially library researched while incorporating internet sources using expository and phenomenological designs. It is discovered that the perpetrators of rape in Nigeria cut across all age brackets involving security personnel, close associates, and even relations all caught up in the crime. The paper submits that the responsibility of eradicating this evil in Nigeria lies with the parents, Churches, Civil Societies, Non Governmental Organizations and Government at all levels.

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