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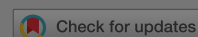
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The tragedy of the umpire: the electoral management body and Nigeria's 2019 general elections

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ABSTRACT

This article analyses the challenges of election management in Nigeria as they relate to the integrity of the 2019 elections. As required of a true democracy, the independence of the Election Management Body (EMB) is a vital ingredient for credible elections.

Although appearing independent in name, the Independent National Electoral

Commission is dominated by the political elite

and compromised by its lack of

vulnerability to the

strengthening of

concerns of the

2019 elections

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Notes

1. Prior to the present democratic era, Nigeria (in its post-independence period) had the following EMBs: the Electoral Commission of the Federation (1964–1966), the Federal Electoral Commission (1976–1983), the National Electoral Commission (1987–1993), and the National Electoral Commission of Nigeria (1994–1998). These institutions were confounded by credibility issues owing to the influence of the Executive branch on their activities. This generated a general lack of trust in them by the people and one of the major reasons for electoral controversies in the previous democratic dispensations in Nigeria. For details, see Jinadu ([2013](#)).

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