

AFRICA INSIGHT

What 60 Minutes Did Not Tell About Nigeria

Africa sadly stands alone, a misunderstood continent... imperfect patches of its culture and tradition are often beamed to an ignorant world."

It was precisely a year ago that I observed the above statement in this column. I told you how the western media, glorifies in giving you the side of Africa that would invariably dissuade and drain your love for that continent.

Before CBS washed Nigeria's dirty corruption secrets before the entire world on 60 Minutes the last two weeks, it was horrible stories about death and disease in Africa and gory pictures of a ravaging Ebola virus prowling the streets of Zaire looking for whom to devour.

Before then it was Nigeria con men caught in the camera lenses defrauding white foreigners. I know by now you are wondering why and asking how did it happen that all these vices and diseases are embedded in the fabric of Africa societies?



by Promise King

If you had watched the 60 minutes piece, you might think bribery and forgery originated from Nigeria, a country of about 120 million black folks.

Maybe it's only going to be a little time before a psycho would wake up and tell the America public that vice or corruption of all kinds comes from Africa simply because a couple of sick Nigerians accepted bribes from CBS reporters.

Before then let me refresh your memory that long before now, most Africa societies or precisely Nigeria communities were an embodiment of peace and purity.

Corruption of any kind was

foreign to our society and bribery was an abomination punishable by banishment. That was until the European came and changed our method of buying and selling.

They introduced us to "lobbying," a more refined word for bribery. These folks bequeathed to us a system that encourages fraud at the expense of our brothers. It's a legacy that our colonial master left behind.

Nigeria stands as one of the richest countries in natural resources. It is the fifth largest sup-

plier of crude oil to America.

Much of its beauty have been swallowed in a negative media blitz orchestrated by faceless enemies of Africa.

Show me a country where there is no bribery and corruption. Where money cannot buy you anything, including a passport.

Don't be misled. It is a question of conscience folks. Nothing extraordinary.

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Baby's Name: Vivianna Sophia Colburn
 Date of Birth: 6-30-95 Sex: Female
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 Father's Name: David Daniel Colburn (Of Portland, OR)
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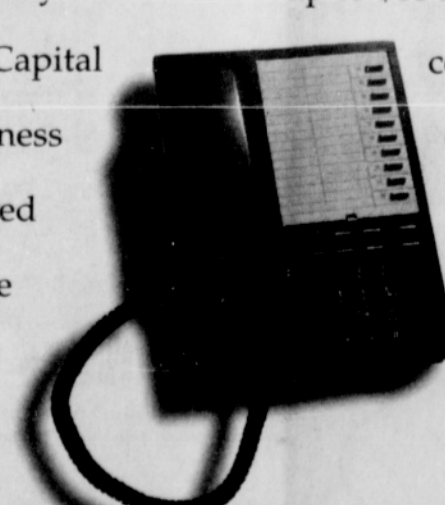
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