

WEEK (8)

TOPIC : NATIONAL VALUES (CONT'D)

TYPES OF NATIONAL VALUES

HONESTY

Honesty is the human quality of communicating and acting truthfully and being straight forward in words and actions.

ATTRIBUTES OF HONESTY

Loyalty – A honest person is always loyal to his beliefs.

Courage – It helps an individual to reveal the truth when nobody is willing to do so because of fear of punishment.

Reliability – An honest person is reliable. He can be depended upon at all times and people can firmly rely on his words as a witness in court of law.

Respect – Honest people always respect others because they want to be equally respected.

Godliness– Honesty goes with godliness. Honest people fear nobody but God. It makes people to report themselves to higher authority when they have done wrong.

BENEFITS OF HONESTY

An honest person stands to have the following benefits:

1. **Honour** – Honest people tend to be honoured by leaders that value honesty. They could be given national honours or financial rewards.
2. **Favour** – Honest people can easily receive people's favour. Whenever they are in need, they can be helped by people around them.
3. **Promotion**– Acts of honesty can raise a man from grass to grace. Many have been promoted in our society because of their honest acts at one time or the other. For example, Late Dora Akunyili.
4. **Leadership position** – Whenever there is need to appoint people of integrity in certain position.

COOPERATION

Co-operation can be defined as an act of working together to achieve a goal for the good of everyone in the society. An adage says 'united we stand, divided we fall'. No nation or society can progress without co-operation among her people. As Nigerian citizens, we must work together with our leaders by paying our taxes promptly, voting during election and taking care of public properties meant for our well-being.

ATTRIBUTES OF CO-OPERATION

1. **Sharing** – To work together, ideas must be shared. People must not hold back information or materials needed for accomplishing a task. It therefore fosters independence of members of the community through a mutually beneficial relationship.
2. **Friendship** – This refers to the emotional attachment to a person or a group of persons as a result of feeling of affection.
3. **Caring** – To achieve our set goals we must care for one another as a team. Everyone must be cared for so that they can have a sense of belonging. The leader must care for the followers and the followers must care for the leader. This can only happen if there is co-operation.
4. **Team Spirit** – Co-operation involves team work. A broom sweeps better as a bunch not as separate units and a tree can never make a forest. Everyone must be part of the task and also sees himself as important as others in the achievement of a set goal.

FACTORS THAT PROMOTE CO-OPERATION

1. **Understanding** – When people in the society understands that without co-operation, there will be no progress, they will do everything within their power to work together to achieve the goal.
2. **Well defined Goal/Interest** – The team must have a goal that motivates everyone to work together. The goal must be well-stated and defined. The achievement of such goals must benefit everyone in the group.
3. **Tolerance** – The ability to reason with the view of an opponent and to accept a superior argument even if its runs contrary to your own opinions to foster cooperation.

BENEFITS OF CO-OPERATION

1. **Progress**– In a nation where people work together, economic and political development is faster unlike a nation where the people are always at logger heads with the government.
2. **Achievement of goals** – When people work together, goals are easily achieved and everyone will be happy.
3. **Proper functioning of the society** – When people in a society co-operate with the government by obeying the government laws, the society will function properly. The government will find it easy to execute its programmes and the people will enjoy them.
4. **Promotes Harmony** – Citizens who work together are always in harmony. This removes conflict and fosters understanding among the people in the society.
5. **Promotion of Peace** – Co-operation removes conflict thereby brings peace among united people in the society.

SELF RELIANCE AND ATTRIBUTES

This is an act of being financially and economically independent by harnessing one's talents and skills to earn income. To a nation, self reliance could mean harnessing and utilizing the internal resources of the nation to achieve sustainable development rather than depending solely on other countries.

A self-reliant citizen is not a burden to the government; rather, he is a problem solver. Instead of looking for job, he reduces the level of unemployment by providing jobs for others.

ATTRIBUTES OF SELF-RELIANCE

1. **Diligence** – Self reliance requires and involves diligence. It takes hard work to be financially independent because you can eat only what you work for.
2. **Use of Talents and skills** – Self reliance entails using what you have to get what you need. You must know what your talents and skills are then think of how they can be harnessed profitably.
3. **Use of Initiative** – Self reliance involves the ability to think of what an individual can do for himself to be financially independent. When people use their initiatives, they can stand on their own and will not depend on others for employment.

BENEFITS OF SELF-RELIANCE

1. **Reduction in the Level of Unemployment** – When individuals in the society set up their personal businesses, the rate of unemployment will be reduced. They also employ people.
2. **Increase in standard of living** – A self-reliant individual can easily earn good income to take care of himself and his family.
3. **Reduction in social vices** – Through self-reliance, a person will be too busy to have time for prostitution, cultism, hooliganism, armed robbery and other vices.
4. **Increase in government revenue** – The revenue of the government is increased through the tax paid on profit made by businessmen and the salaries of their employees.

ASSIGNMENT

1. Define honesty
2. List two (2) benefits of co-operation
3. Enumerate three(3) attributes of self-reliance .