

Abstract

Using the Democratic Republic of Congo as a case study, this research report examines factors that best explain the widely agreed upon fact that most post-colonial African States have poor leadership. These states experience severe leadership crisis.

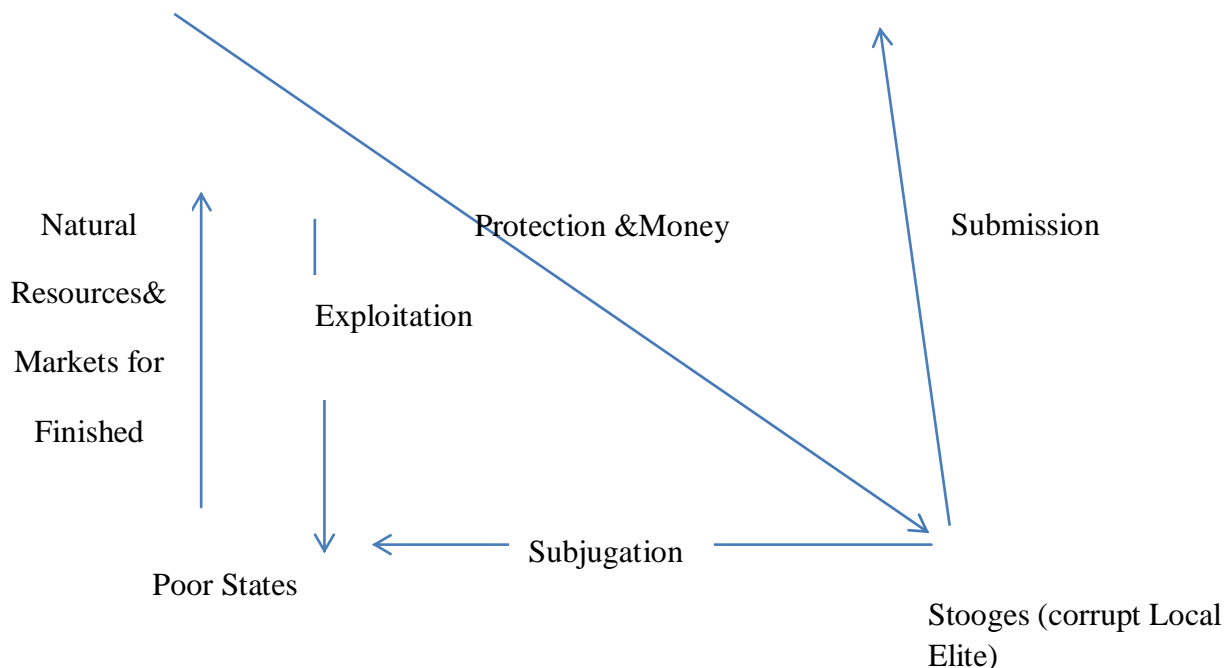
The leadership crisis must be brought to an end if post-colonial Africa is to successfully advance its socio-political and economic agenda. To that end, uncovering exactly why these states lack good leadership is the first logical step if one seriously applies one's cognitive faculties.

The report makes a modest contribution in that regard. It suggests that two systemic practices remain key factors that best explain the phenomenon of leadership crisis in post-colonial African states. These are the neocolonial and the neo-patrimonial systems.

Components of, and interactions within the systems are summarized in the following two diagrams:

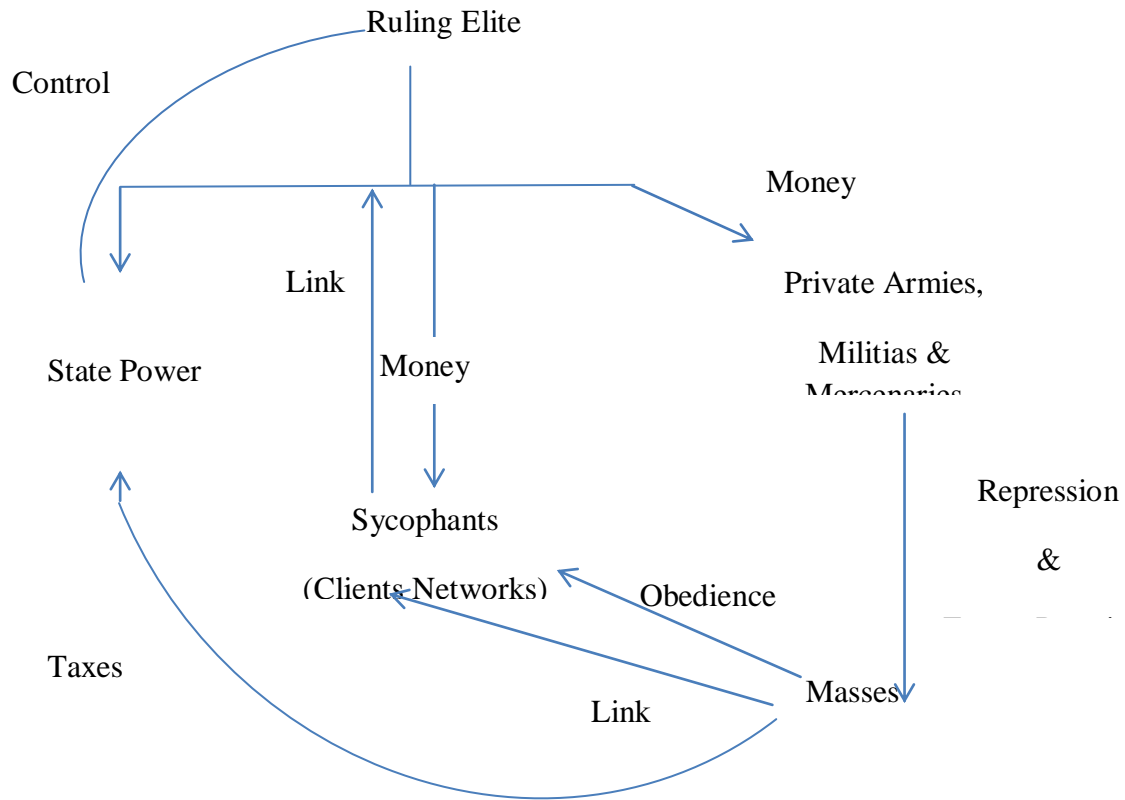
1. The Neocolonial system

World powers :(Superpowers, former colonial masters, Multinational companies).



2. The neo-patrimonial system

NEO-PATRIMONIAL SYSTEM



The report, points to these two systems as the root cause of leadership crisis in post-colonial African States.