

ABSTRACT

This study is guided with the aim of understanding the bilateral relationship between the United States of America and Nigeria. Starting from a broad exploration of the nature of the North-South Relations, the study shows that evidence abounds to support the claim that the relationship between the North and the South (Nigeria – US in particular) is skewed to be more beneficial to the US than to Nigeria. By using Patrick Bond's adaptation of the Dependency Theory, the study argues that the history of colonialism, neo-colonialism and the associated exploitation that comes with it, still shapes the nature of the Nigeria – US bilateral relationship. Among other things, the study using qualitative data was also able to explore the role of Multinational Corporations (particularly US owned MNCs) in promoting and sustaining corruption in Nigeria; thereby affirming the existence of an imbalance relationship between the two countries.