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IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW

If I could invent something new it would be an app that could simplify and make the voting process easier. It would also be able to provide the user with post-election news like the vote counts of the candidates contesting and the post their running for and the information on who emerges the victor. The electoral process on the app can be made safe and secure by allowing voters only one chance to vote and that should be done within a specified time after which the site where the voting process would take place in the app would be shut down.

The main point of hosting elections once in a specified amount of time is to enable us, the citizens exercise our democratic rights and choose a leader we think has the right qualities and abilities to lead our country. However, due to the current level of corruption in the country, the integrity of the votes is being compromised. Bringing forth a new system of voting can drastically reduce the amount of false votes. In this process, every citizen with the intention to vote can access the app with their credentials filed in with only one chance to vote.

Another good reason to automate the voting process in Nigeria is to enable those who live far away from the polling unit and can't afford the transportation costs and those who reside in another country and want to exercise their voting rights. If a citizen has a voter's card, he/she should be able to use the details on the card to vote at their convenience.

Furthermore, the security and well-being of the citizens should be ensured during the voting process but in past electoral processes, this has remained an issue. The lack of insurance for the security of the citizens during the voting process has discouraged a lot of people from coming out of their houses to vote. The chaotic atmosphere present at the polling stations has resulted in a loss of interest in the citizens to participate in the voting process.

Also, the automation of the electoral process in Nigeria will reduce the cost discovered by the government at the end of the elections. If we were to vote using the normal process, the government would have to cover a lot of costs. When the entire electoral process is automated, the costs at the end of the whole process will prove to be lesser than when the manual process is carried out in the long run. The only costs discovered would be the amount required to create the app and maintain it. This can be done by hiring computer professionals who can ensure that the app can easily be shielded if exposed to any threat.

In this current age of technology, automation of some processes has proven to be effective. If introduced to Nigeria and well maintained, electronic voting will prove to be very cost-effective and efficient, enabling citizens to cast their votes no matter where they are.