

## IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW.

Imagine a new Nigeria where citizens exercise their rights to voice out their opinions to government and also where citizens become policy makers. Government no longer give room for participation and citizens are not interested in things concerning the state like voting, registering to vote, registration of names, reading of newspapers, listening to news bulletin etc. These acts of less concerned attitude are called political apathy.

In Nigeria, I have discovered that the high rate of human rights violation has increased drastically. The group of words; fundamental human rights are freedoms that are inherent to all human beings regardless of their race, gender, nationality and religion are now sized and delayed by the government that is, policy makers. Some of the examples of human rights include; right to freedom from slavery and forced labor, right to freedoms of speech and expression, right to be heard etc.

Ironically, the right that is mostly denied the citizens are rights to freedom of expression and speech and also right to be heard and this is where my app " Voice - in" would come in. Voice - in will be a mobile app that empowers citizens to directly propose and be heard. This app will bridge the gap between the citizens and policy makers by giving everyone a voice. If this app is eventually invented, citizens will exercise their rights to voice out their opinions before a bill is passed into law unlike what is obtainable now where the government of the day disregard the opinions of the masses like the proposal and passage into law of the old National anthem to be sung in schools and institutions. The app will work in such a way that it will contain the Homepage where you can see posts and either up vote (like) or down vote (dislike), comment and share. It will also have the bill screen where you can see new updated bills which are yet to be proposed and passed into law. I would input the search engine optimization in the building of this app to reduce stress while searching for it. I intend to work with specific technologies like Chatgpt and Google for research, flutter flow and firebase for the programming of my app and more.

However, similar existing solutions like social media apps drown out citizen ' voices in a flood of general discussion but my app "voice- in" will cut through the noise.

In conclusion, this app will be specifically designed for policy making allowing for clear proposal submission, discussion and voting. I assure you that my app will be very useful and user friendly to its users.

I am open to discussing this matter further if given the opportunity to invent voice- in.

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