

## WHEN COMMUNALISM PARTNERS MODERN STATE: NAVIGATING THE BUMPY TRENDS OF COMMUNITY POLICING AND CRIME PREVENTION IN NIGERIA

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### ABSTRACT

Experience and practice have shown clearly that community policing can effectively contribute to reducing crime and promoting security. Community-oriented policing is based on the premise that citizens should be empowered to enhance their quality of life and prevent or eliminate crime and the problems that lead to crime. Drawing from this premise, this article investigates and analyzes the success story and challenges of Community Policing in Nigeria. It examines the interface of communalism as an ideology (rooted in traditional African society) and modern strategies of policing neighbourhoods and how this has impacted on community safety.

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