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A NON-PARAMETRIC ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON NIGERIANS' WELL-BEING BASED ON GEOPOLITICAL ZONES

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Abstract

The COVID-19 pandemic has crippled the economic activities of so many nations across the globe since its outbreak in 2019. This study is focused on the consequential effect of the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of standard of living, and perception of economic and security situation of Nigerians. A non-parametric approach was adopted on a primary data obtained through the administration of questionnaires online by NoiPolls during the COVID-19 period. The result obtained from this study depicts that there is a significant relationship between the security situation and perception of the country's economic situation. Kruskal-Wallis test was used to check if there is a significant difference in economic perception, security situation and standard of living where it was observed that there exists a significant difference based on the geopolitical zone. We, therefore, recommend that efforts should be made by the government towards improving the economic state of affairs especially in the southern part of the country as this will in the long run lead to sustainable cities and communities across the geopolitical zones which is one of the goals of SDGs. Moreover, efforts should also be made by the government towards improving the security situation in the north and southeast as improvement in the country's economic situation has a direct influence on the security position of the country.

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