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Abstract

The high incidence of political conflict has been a major problem in Nigerian politics since the inception of the country as a polity; from the colonial period to the stage of attainment of Republican hood; and since then free and fair election have been very elusive because all election has been characterized by political violence, in our attempt to address these phenomenon we analyze the case of Anambra state between 1999 to 2007 when the violence reached climax in the state. We used documentary research method for gathering and analyzing data while conflict theory was used for the analytical framework. Political godfatherism was identified as the major problem that generated the crises in the election of Chinwoke Mbadinuju and Chris Ngige the governors that ruled the state during the period under investigation Chief Emeka Ofor and Chief Chris Uba the godfathers claimed to have sponsored the election of Mbadinuju and Chris Ngige respectively. Other contributory factors where the imposition of unpopular candidate during the gubernatorial elections in the period and negative reaction of the federal government that aggravated the crises. The work concluded that the political violence was caused by politicians, who wanted to satisfy private interest to the detriment of the collective good of the Anambra state whose disagreement engendered conflict that adversely affected the entire electoral process and the entire political order in form of violence. The work recommends among others things that they should be a legislative order or law that will stop various forms of political godfatherism.

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