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ABSTRACT

This study investigated the impact of freedom of information Act (FOIA) on practicing Nigerian journalists using journalist in Enugu states as the focus of the study. The study adopted survey method. A sample of 150 was drawn from a population of 240 registered journalists in Enugu state using the Taro Yamane's formula and purposive sampling technique. Questionnaire was used to obtain data. Findings revealed that the journalists studied have a high level of awareness of the provisions of FOIA. Also, the journalists perceived the Act as having a more positive impact on journalism practice, conclusion was that the Act pretends good for journalism practice in Nigeria. It was recommended that journalists should make maximum use of the Act, and aspects of the Act that contain nebulous and sling concepts that are open to differing interpretations should be reviewed.