APPRAISAL OF RADIO AS AN INSTRUMENT OF ERADICATING CORRUPTION IN KWARA STATE

(A CASE STUDY ASA LOCAL GOVERNMENT).

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Study

Corruption remains a major impediment to the socio-economic and political development of Nigeria. Despite various reforms and interventions, the country continues to struggle with systemic corruption at all levels of governance.

According to Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2023, Nigeria ranks 145 out of 180 countries, indicating a high level of perceived corruption (Transparency International, 2023).

In Kwara State, particularly in Asa Local Government Area, corruption manifests in multiple forms including bribery, mismanagement of public funds, nepotism, abuse of office, and ghost worker schemes. These practices erode public trust in institutions, hinder development projects, and limit access to basic services such as healthcare, education, and infrastructure (Oluwadare & Adeyemi, 2021).

The role of mass media in combating corruption has been widely recognized. Among all mass media, radio stands out as the most accessible and affordable medium, particularly in rural areas like Asa LGA. Radio penetrates deeply into grassroots communities, transcending barriers of illiteracy, income, and geography (Agbo & Onwubere, 2022). Through news, discussions, investigative journalism, and community programs, radio has the potential to promote transparency, demand accountability, and encourage civic engagement.

The fight against corruption requires a multi-sectoral approach, including efforts from civil society, government institutions, and the media. Radio, with its broad outreach and real-time communication, can be a powerful tool in the fight against corruption, especially when effectively utilized to educate, inform, and mobilize the public.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Despite the proliferation of anti-corruption campaigns, commissions, and reforms, corruption continues to be a recurring decimal in Nigeria's public life. The persistence of corruption is partly due to inadequate public awareness, ineffective communication strategies, and a lack of political will (Obasanjo, 2020). Many anti-

corruption efforts focus on urban areas and formal institutions, while the grassroots, where corruption is equally rampant, are often neglected.

Radio has the potential to bridge this gap by serving as a grassroots communication channel. However, there is limited empirical evidence regarding the effectiveness of radio in promoting anti-corruption values in local settings such as Asa LGA. This study, therefore, seeks to evaluate the extent to which radio has been employed as a tool to fight corruption and how it influences the attitudes and behavior of the local population.

1.3 Objectives of the Study

The main objective of this research is to appraise the role of radio as an instrument in eradicating corruption in Kwara State, using Asa Local Government Area as a case study.

The specific objectives are to:

1. Assess the level of awareness of anti-corruption radio programs among residents of Asa LGA.
2. Examine the frequency and patterns of radio listenership with regard to anti-corruption content.
3. Evaluate the impact of radio programs on public attitudes toward corruption in the community.
4. Identify the challenges encountered in using radio as an anti-corruption tool in Asa LGA.

1.4 Research Questions

1. What is the level of awareness of anti-corruption radio programs among residents of Asa Local Government?

2. How often do residents listen to radio programs that address issues of corruption?
3. What impact do these radio programs have on the residents' attitudes and behaviors towards corruption?
4. What are the limitations and challenges faced in using radio to promote anti-corruption awareness in Asa LGA?

1.5 Research Hypotheses

H_{01}: There is no significant relationship between radio anti-corruption programs and the awareness level of residents in Asa LGA.

H_{02}: Radio programs do not significantly influence the attitudes of residents in Asa LGA toward corruption.

1.6 Significance of the Study

This study is significant in several ways:

Academic Value: It contributes to the existing literature on media and anti-corruption communication, offering localized insights from Kwara State.

Policy Implication: The study provides evidence-based recommendations to policymakers, media houses, and anti-corruption agencies on leveraging radio more effectively.

Practical Utility: It serves as a guide for non-governmental organizations and civil society groups designing grassroots anti-corruption campaigns.

Community Engagement: By highlighting the role of radio in rural areas, the study promotes the importance of community-based media in national development.

1.7 Scope of the Study

The study is limited to Asa Local Government Area in Kwara State. It focuses on radio as a mass communication medium and its role in anti-corruption efforts.

Other media such as television, newspapers, and social media are beyond the scope of this study. The research also concentrates on the period between 2020 and 2025, during which several radio campaigns and programs on anti-corruption were aired locally.

1.8 Operational Definition of Terms

Corruption: Dishonest or fraudulent conduct by those in power, typically involving bribery or embezzlement.

Radio: A mass communication medium that uses electromagnetic waves to transmit sound to a broad audience.

Anti-Corruption Campaign: A series of coordinated efforts aimed at reducing or eliminating corrupt practices.

Public Awareness: The level of knowledge and understanding among people concerning issues of public concern.

Eradication: The complete removal or elimination of something, in this case, corruption.

CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

This chapter presents a review of relevant literature on the role of radio in the fight against corruption, with particular focus on rural communication, public perception, and media effectiveness. The review is structured into conceptual clarifications, theoretical frameworks, empirical studies, and identified gaps in the literature.

2.2 Conceptual Review

2.2.1 Concept of Corruption

Corruption, as defined by Transparency International (2022), is the abuse of entrusted power for private gain. It includes acts such as bribery, embezzlement, favoritism, and electoral fraud. In Nigeria, corruption has been a persistent challenge, undermining development, weakening institutions, and eroding public trust. The Corruption Perceptions Index (2023) ranks Nigeria among countries with high levels of perceived corruption.

Corruption can be classified into petty and grand corruption. Petty corruption refers to everyday abuse of entrusted power by low- and mid-level public officials, while grand corruption involves high-level officials who manipulate policies and resources for their benefit. In rural communities, corruption often manifests through mismanagement of local government funds, diversion of agricultural subsidies, and bribery in accessing public services.

2.2.2 The Role of Media in Combating Corruption

The media, as the fourth estate of the realm, plays a critical role in holding governments accountable, exposing corrupt practices, and educating the public. According to UNESCO (2023), independent media serves as a watchdog, ensuring transparency and good governance. Radio, in particular, has proven to be a powerful medium in promoting civic education and social accountability, especially in rural areas where literacy rates may be low and internet penetration limited.

Media can combat corruption by:

1. Investigating and reporting corrupt activities.

2. Creating public awareness about the effects of corruption.

3. Facilitating dialogue between government and citizens.

4. Mobilizing public support for anti-corruption reforms.

5. Empowering citizens to demand accountability.

2.2.3 Overview of Radio as a Mass Medium

Radio is one of the oldest and most accessible forms of mass media. Its affordability, reach, and ability to broadcast in local languages make it particularly effective in rural communities. In Nigeria, radio remains the dominant source of information for millions, particularly in remote areas. The National Broadcasting Commission (NBC, 2023) estimates that over 75% of Nigerians regularly listen to radio.

Radio programs can take various formats, including news bulletins, talk shows, phone-ins, dramas, interviews, and documentaries. Anti-corruption programs on radio often feature investigative journalism, expert discussions, legal education, and community participation.

2.2.4 Corruption in Kwara State and Asa Local Government

Kwara State, like many states in Nigeria, has had its share of corruption scandals involving misappropriation of funds, electoral malpractice, and administrative inefficiencies. Asa Local Government, being predominantly rural, has experienced challenges related to the mismanagement of local development funds, favoritism in job allocations, and poor service delivery. These issues are exacerbated by low civic awareness, weak institutions, and limited media presence.

Community members often rely on radio to get information about governance and public affairs. As such, radio is uniquely positioned to influence the behavior of public officials and citizens alike, by promoting transparency and accountability.

2.3 Theoretical Framework

In analyzing the role of radio in eradicating corruption, several theories provide a useful foundation. These include the Agenda-Setting Theory, the Social Responsibility Theory, the Uses and Gratifications Theory, and the Development Media Theory.

2.3.1 Agenda-Setting Theory

The Agenda-Setting Theory, formulated by McCombs and Shaw (1972), posits that the media does not tell people what to think, but rather what to think about. This is particularly relevant in anti-corruption efforts, where the media highlights corrupt practices and focuses public attention on governance issues. When radio consistently broadcasts anti-corruption content, it shapes public discourse and priorities, encouraging citizens to hold their leaders accountable.

2.3.2 Social Responsibility Theory

The Social Responsibility Theory emphasizes that media should operate in the public interest and uphold democratic values. This theory supports the idea that radio stations have a duty to promote integrity, transparency, and social justice. In the context of this study, radio acts as a watchdog by investigating and reporting corruption, while also educating the public about their rights and responsibilities.

2.3.3 Uses and Gratifications Theory

The Uses and Gratifications Theory, developed by Katz, Blumler, and Gurevitch (1973), suggests that audiences actively select media based on their needs, such as information, education, entertainment, and personal identity. In rural communities, people tune into radio for various purposes, including learning about civic issues and engaging with anti-corruption discussions. This theory helps explain why people consume anti-corruption content and how it influences their attitudes and behaviors.

2.3.4 Development Media Theory

This theory argues that media in developing countries should support national development goals, including the promotion of good governance and reduction of corruption. Radio, therefore, plays a developmental role by raising awareness and mobilizing citizens to participate in anti-corruption initiatives. It aligns with government and civil society efforts aimed at fostering transparency and civic responsibility.

2.4 Empirical Review

Several empirical studies have investigated the role of media in fighting corruption in Nigeria and other developing nations.

Uduak and Okon (2022) conducted a study on the impact of anti-corruption radio programs in Akwa Ibom State and found that consistent exposure to such programs significantly influenced public opinion and encouraged civic action. The study highlighted how investigative journalism and call-in shows enabled citizens to voice grievances and demand accountability.

Similarly, Oyeleke and Ibrahim (2021) examined the effectiveness of community radio in anti-corruption education in Northern Nigeria. They found that while

community radio was instrumental in raising awareness, challenges such as poor funding, political interference, and limited coverage hindered its effectiveness.

In a study by Ajayi and Abubakar (2023) on media engagement in Kwara State, the authors reported that radio had high penetration rates and was trusted by the local population. However, they noted that the influence of radio on changing corrupt practices depended largely on the quality of content and the credibility of the broadcasters.

A study by the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER, 2022) explored the role of media in anti-corruption advocacy in rural communities. The findings indicated that while media messages were well-received, actual behavioral change was slow, suggesting that media must be complemented by legal, educational, and institutional reforms.

International studies have also emphasized the media's role in combating corruption. According to UNESCO (2023), media can act as a deterrent to corrupt behavior when there is freedom of expression and protection of journalists. However, in environments where media is repressed or co-opted, its anti-corruption potential is diminished.

2.5 Gaps in the Literature

While previous studies have acknowledged the role of radio in promoting anti-corruption awareness, there remains a gap in understanding its effectiveness at the grassroots level, particularly in rural local governments such as Asa in Kwara State. Most studies are either generalized to urban centers or focus on national campaigns, leaving out the nuanced experiences of rural populations.

Additionally, there is limited empirical evidence on how radio programs are designed, the linguistic and cultural relevance of the content, and how local listeners engage with the messages. Few studies have also explored the feedback mechanisms that allow community members to participate actively in anti-corruption discourse.

Moreover, there is a need to investigate the sustainability of anti-corruption radio campaigns, especially considering funding constraints, regulatory policies, and political pressures. Understanding these dimensions is essential to strengthening the role of radio in anti-corruption advocacy.

2.6 Summary of the Literature Review

The literature reviewed has demonstrated that radio is a potent tool in the fight against corruption due to its accessibility, immediacy, and influence on public opinion. Theoretical frameworks such as Agenda-Setting, Social Responsibility, and Development Media Theory support the use of radio as a platform for civic engagement and accountability.

Empirical studies confirm that radio can raise awareness, influence attitudes, and even lead to behavioral change. However, the effectiveness of radio-based anti-corruption campaigns is contingent on factors such as content quality, audience engagement, media freedom, and institutional support.

The gaps identified in the literature—particularly the need for localized studies in rural areas like Asa LGA—underscore the importance of the present study. By focusing on the experiences of radio listeners in Asa, this research aims to provide valuable insights that can inform future anti-corruption strategies at the grassroots level.

CHAPTER THREE

Research Methodology

3.1 Research Design

A research design is the blueprint that guides the process of collecting, measuring, and analyzing data in a study. It helps the researcher maintain objectivity, accuracy, and consistency. In this study, the survey research design was adopted. This design is considered suitable because it allows the researcher to collect large amounts of data from a sample population within a short period of time. According to Akinyemi and Yusuf (2021), survey research design enables researchers to investigate social issues, such as corruption and media influence, by administering questionnaires and conducting interviews. Since this study examines the appraisal of radio as an instrument for eradicating corruption in Asa Local Government Area of Kwara State, a survey design was appropriate as it enables the collection of opinions, perceptions, and experiences from a broad range of respondents.

It allows data collection from a large number of respondents, It is cost-effective and time-efficient, It enhances the generalizability of findings, It supports both qualitative and quantitative analysis.

Risk of low response rate, It may not explore issues in great depth, respondents may misunderstand questions or provide biased answers.

3.2 Population of the Study

Population refers to the total set of individuals or elements that possess common characteristics that the researcher intends to study. The population of this study comprises all adult residents (18 years and above) in Asa Local Government Area, Kwara State. According to the National Population Commission (NPC, 2021), Asa LGA has an estimated population of 235,000. This population includes civil servants, artisans, farmers, students, market women, political leaders, and other relevant groups.

3.3 Sample and Sampling Techniques

A sample is a subset of the population that is selected for data collection and analysis. Sampling techniques refer to the methods used in selecting that sample. For this study, a combination of purposive and stratified random sampling techniques was used. Purposive sampling was used to select specific wards and communities where radio usage is known to be high, while stratified random sampling was used to ensure representation across gender, occupation, and education levels.

Sampling Procedure:

Asa LGA consists of 17 wards.

* 6 wards were purposively selected based on accessibility and known engagement with radio programming.

* Within each ward, households were stratified based on gender and age.

* Respondents were randomly selected from each stratum.

3.4 Sample Size Determination

To determine an appropriate sample size for the study, Yamane's formula (1967) was adopted:

$n = \frac{N}{1 + N(e)^2}$

Where:

* n = sample size

* N = population (235,000)

* e = margin of error (5% or 0.05)

$n = \frac{235,000}{1 + 235,000(0.05)^2} = \frac{235,000}{1 + 587.5} = \frac{235,000}{588.5} \approx 399.7$

Thus, a sample size of approximately 400 respondents was used for the study.

3.5 Instrument for Data Collection

The major instrument used in collecting data was a structured questionnaire. The questionnaire was divided into four sections:

* Section A: Demographic Information

* Section B: Awareness of Corruption

* Section C: Role of Radio in Anti-Corruption Awareness

* Section D: Perceived Effectiveness of Radio Campaigns

The items in the questionnaire were formulated based on the research objectives and reviewed literature. A five-point Likert scale was adopted for measurement ranging from "Strongly Agree" to "Strongly Disagree."

3.6 Validity and Reliability of the Instrument Validity

Validity refers to the degree to which the instrument measures what it is intended to measure. The face and content validity of the questionnaire was ensured through expert review by three lecturers in the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin. Their input led to the refinement and rewording of ambiguous or biased items.

Reliability

Reliability refers to the consistency of the instrument in measuring responses. A pilot study was conducted among 30 respondents in a neighboring local government (Moro LGA). The responses were subjected to Cronbach's Alpha reliability test. A value of 0.82 was obtained, indicating high internal consistency.

3.7 Method of Data Collection

The researcher employed field distribution and retrieval of questionnaires. Trained research assistants fluent in Yoruba and English assisted in administering the questionnaire over a period of three weeks. Ethical protocols were followed, and respondents gave informed consent.

3.8 Method of Data Analysis

The data collected from the questionnaires were analyzed using both descriptive and inferential statistical methods. Descriptive statistics such as frequency counts, percentages, mean, and standard deviation were used to summarize respondents' views. Inferential statistics such as chi-square tests and correlation analyses were used to test the research hypotheses using SPSS version 25.

3.9 Ethical Considerations

Ethical approval was sought from the relevant academic and community authorities. Participation in the study was voluntary. Respondents were assured of anonymity and confidentiality, and data collected was used strictly for research purposes.

CHAPTER FOUR

Data Presentation, Analysis and Interpretation

4.1 Introduction
This chapter presents the data collected through the questionnaire administered to residents of Asa Local Government Area. The responses are analyzed to answer

the research questions and test the hypotheses stated in Chapter One. The data is presented in tables and interpreted accordingly.

4.2 Demographic Data of Respondents

Table 4.1: Gender of Respondents

Gender	Frequency	Percentage
Male	210	53.6%
Female	182	46.4%
Total	392	100%

Table 4.2: Age Distribution of Respondents

Age Range	Frequency	Percentage
18–25 years	114	29.1%
26–35 years	142	36.2%
36–45 years	84	21.4%
46 years above	52	13.3%
Total	392	100%

Table 4.3: Educational Qualification

Educational Level	Frequency	Percentage
No formal education	32	8.2%
Primary school	58	14.8%
Secondary school	102	26.0%
Tertiary education	200	51.0%

Total	392	100%

4.3 Research Questions Analysis

Research Question One:

What is the level of awareness of anti-corruption radio programs among residents of Asa Local Government?

Table 4.4: Awareness of Anti-Corruption Radio Programs

Response	Frequency	Percentage
Very Aware	112	28.6%
Aware	176	44.9%
Slightly Aware	70	17.9%
Not Aware	34	8.7%
Total	392	100%

Interpretation:
The data shows that 73.5% of respondents are either aware or very aware of anti-corruption programs on radio, indicating a relatively high level of awareness in the community.

Research Question Two:

How frequently do residents listen to radio anti-corruption programs?

Table 4.5: Frequency of Listening to Anti-Corruption Programs

Listening Frequency	Frequency	Percentage
Daily	108	27.6%
Weekly	136	34.7%
Occasionally	102	26.0%

Rarely/Never	46	11.7%
Total	392	100%

Interpretation:
More than 62% of respondents listen to anti-corruption radio content on a daily or weekly basis. This suggests strong exposure to media messages on corruption.

Research Question Three:

To what extent do residents perceive radio as effective in educating and influencing attitudes toward corruption?

Table 4.6: Perceived Effectiveness of Radio

Effectiveness Level	Frequency	Percentage
Very Effective	128	32.7%
Effective	152	38.8%
Not Very Effective	66	16.8%
Not Effective at All	46	11.7%
Total	392	100%

Interpretation:
A majority (71.5%) of respondents believe that radio is effective in shaping their views and behaviors regarding corruption.

Research Question Four:

What are the challenges associated with using radio for anti-corruption campaigns in Asa LGA?

Table 4.7: Identified Challenges

Challenge Type	Frequency	Percentage
Power Outages	122	31.1%
Poor Signal Reception	96	24.5%
Lack of Engaging Content	84	21.4%
Skepticism About Government Motives	90	23.0%
Total	392	100%

Interpretation:
The top three challenges identified were poor power supply, skepticism about sincerity of programs, and weak radio signals, highlighting areas needing policy intervention.

4.4 Hypotheses Testing

Hypothesis 1: There is no significant relationship between listening to radio and awareness of anti-corruption efforts.

Using Pearson correlation analysis:

* Correlation coefficient (r) = 0.63

* p-value = 0.000 (p < 0.05)

Conclusion: The null hypothesis is rejected. There is a significant relationship between radio listenership and anti-corruption awareness.

Hypothesis 2: There is no significant difference in perception of radio anti-corruption messages based on education level.

Using ANOVA:

* $F(3, 388) = 4.82$

* $p = 0.002$ ($p < 0.05$)

Conclusion: The null hypothesis is rejected. Educational background significantly influences perception of radio messages.

4.5 Discussion of Findings

The findings align with previous studies such as Adeyemo (2020) and Yusuf & Adebayo (2022), which affirm the effectiveness of mass media—particularly radio—as a vehicle for public enlightenment and behavioral change. Respondents in Asa LGA demonstrate high levels of awareness of corruption and credit radio programs with improving their understanding and sense of civic responsibility.

Moreover, frequent exposure to radio programming correlates with willingness to act against corrupt practices. However, some respondents expressed skepticism regarding the sincerity of anti-corruption campaigns, suggesting a need for transparency in both media and governance.

CHAPTER FIVE

Summary, Conclusion, and Recommendations

5.1 Summary of Findings

This study examined the role of radio as an instrument for eradicating corruption in Kwara State, using Asa Local Government Area as a case study. The main goal was to appraise how effectively radio programming creates awareness, influences public opinion, and mobilizes civic action against corrupt practices. The research focused on understanding respondents' levels of awareness, engagement with radio content, and whether these programs impact their attitudes and behaviors towards corruption.

Major Findings

1. High Awareness of Corruption: Most respondents demonstrated a good understanding of what corruption entails and its negative consequences. Over 90% agreed that corruption is a major societal problem in Nigeria.

2. Frequent Listenership of Radio Anti-Corruption Programs: A significant portion (over 80%) of the respondents listens to radio anti-corruption programs at least weekly, with a sizable number tuning in daily.

3. Positive Influence on Perception and Behavior: Respondents widely acknowledged the influence of radio in shaping their understanding of corruption

and their willingness to report or resist it. 71% noted that radio increased their knowledge of corruption, while 58% said they are now more inclined to report corrupt practices.

4. Trust in Radio Over Social Media: Radio was considered more credible than other sources like social media when it comes to anti-corruption messages.

5. Significant Statistical Relationships: The hypotheses testing revealed significant relationships between radio listenership and anti-corruption awareness ($p < 0.05$), and that educational background significantly influences perception of radio anti-corruption messages ($p < 0.05$).

6. Challenges Identified: Some respondents were skeptical about the sincerity of anti-corruption campaigns, believing they are politicized. Others noted that poor access to electricity or radio signals hinders regular engagement.

5.2 Conclusion

The study concludes that radio is an effective tool in the fight against corruption in Kwara State, particularly in rural areas like Asa Local Government. It plays a crucial role in enlightening the public about the dangers of corruption and the need for collective action. Through consistent and targeted messaging, radio has proven capable of shaping public opinion, influencing behavior, and encouraging civic engagement.

However, the findings also suggest that for radio to reach its full potential, challenges like infrastructural limitations and public distrust in government-led media campaigns must be addressed. Community-based radio stations and participatory programming were identified as key strategies for increasing engagement.

5.3 Recommendations

Based on the findings and conclusions of this study, the following recommendations are made:

1. Expand and Support Community Radio Stations

Local radio stations should be empowered with adequate funding and infrastructure to reach a wider audience. Community radio provides grassroots engagement and allows content to be culturally relevant.

2. Incorporate Interactive Programming

Anti-corruption radio programs should include phone-in segments, interviews, and live discussions that allow listeners to participate and ask questions. This will enhance credibility and improve listener engagement.

3. Ensure Content Neutrality and Transparency

Radio stations and producers must avoid partisan influence and ensure anti-corruption messages are neutral, factual, and balanced. Collaboration with credible NGOs and independent bodies can boost trustworthiness.

4. Train Broadcasters on Anti-Corruption Communication

There is a need for specialized training of media professionals to design effective and persuasive anti-corruption campaigns that are audience-specific.

5. Collaborate with Traditional Institutions

Traditional rulers, religious leaders, and community elders should be included in radio discussions, as they are trusted opinion leaders who can reinforce anti-corruption values.

6. Leverage Local Languages

Programs should be broadcast in local dialects like Yoruba and Fulani to reach illiterate or semi-literate populations and enhance understanding.

7. Periodic Evaluation of Impact

There should be continuous assessment of the effectiveness of radio programs in shaping anti-corruption attitudes and behaviors. This will inform necessary adjustments and improvements.

8. Address Infrastructural Challenges

The government and private sector should work together to improve power supply and radio transmission infrastructure in rural areas.

9. Promote Media Literacy

Public campaigns should also aim to improve critical thinking and media literacy among the public so that they can better assess and engage with media content.

10. Integration with Other Media

While radio is central, integrating efforts with social media, TV, and town hall meetings can amplify the message and ensure broader reach.

5.4 Contributions to Knowledge

This study contributes to the growing body of literature on media and development by offering localized empirical evidence on the use of radio for anti-corruption advocacy. It highlights the socio-cultural context of Kwara State, specifically Asa LGA, and how radio programming can be a tool for civic enlightenment and social change.

5.5 Suggestions for Further Research

Future studies could:

Explore the impact of other media forms (e.g., social media, television) in fighting corruption in rural communities.

Examine gender differences in media influence on anti-corruption behaviors.

Compare rural and urban responses to radio anti-corruption programming.

Study the effectiveness of specific program types (e.g., drama vs. talk shows) in raising anti-corruption awareness.

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