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# **The Impacts of Neo-Colonialism on the Muslim Population in Nigeria**

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## **Abstract**

Colonialism brought a lot of negative impacts into Islam through the introduction of their various activities, Muslim felt threatened. Missionaries were converting many Muslims into the new religion, while these actions caused havoc among the followers of the same religion. Muslim clergies did not fold their arms and allowed their religion respectively to be castrated. They put efforts to resist the conversion but, both the Colonialists and Missionaries worked together to subdue Muslims. Therefore, this paper intends to explore the impact of this phenomenon on Islam in Nigeria. The paper discusses the various activities of Neo-Colonialism which has great impact on Islam and the step taken by the Muslims to retain their religion. In terms of methodology, the data used include both primary and secondary sources. The paper reveals that, it is an overwhelming fact that neo-colonialists movement activities reduced the population of Nigeria Muslim since the arrival of the Colonial masters in Africa and Nigeria in particular. This reduction infected the spiritual and intellectual strengths of Muslim. This is one of the key factors that responsible for the disunity among the Muslim nowadays. The paper recommended that, Muslims should also shun the sectarianism, *Jihad* war against fellow Muslim rather than neo-Colonialist activities, and stop dealing with allegorical issue about Islam.