Title of Article: Politics and Power in Inter-group Conflicts: Evidence from Jos, Nigeria

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Abstract: The paper examined the role of politics and power contestation in inter-group relations with Jos as a case analysis. Group conflict theory was adopted as a framework for analyzing conflict in the region. The study found that, as opposed to the assertions that religion and indigene/settler phenomenon are the main drivers of conflict in the region, struggle for political power is of stronger causative factor of conflict in the area. Besides, the study also found that religion and ethnic differences achieve sufficient strength to provoke or aggravate conflicts when politics and power struggle are involved. The study therefore, recommended among others, the need to revisit the status of Jos North Local Government Area, implement the recommendations of various panels and the practice of politics of inclusiveness by political leaders.