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Abstract: This paper presents a socio-cultural explanation of corruption within the Nigerian context. It perceives corruption as a social problem in that it hinders development and growth of any nation and also constitutes a threat to the corporate survival of a society. After a brief overview of the Anti-corruption Act, the paper explains corruption in Nigeria using Robert K. Merton's anomie theory. It argues that many Nigerians believe in wealth (a cultural goal) but are not particular about acquiring it legally. For such people, wealth can be accumulated through corruption, ritual murder, embezzlement and many other vices inimical to human society. The causes of corruption are identified and the solutions proffered.