Title of Article: Poverty And Ethnic Militia Activities In the Niger Delta, Nigeria: A Critical Appraisal

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Abstract: The Niger Delta area is home to about 23% of Nigeria total population. One thing that readily comes to mind about this area is conflict through the instrumentality of ethnic militancy. The issue of conflict in this area has been discussed and examined against many indices. This paper however tried to place the incidence of ethnic militia activities against the perception of deprivation by the people of this area. The people employed frustration-aggression and relative deprivation theses in explaining the phenomenon of wanton destruction of oil exploration facilities, deaths and hostage taking by many militant groups that traverse the region. Recommendations that could assuage the conflict situation were suggested.

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