

Think Tank Recommendations

Instructions: There has been widespread discontent with how the Nigerian government has dealt with Boko Haram, and the kidnapping of girls from Chibok in particular. Most of the criticism revolves around the government's failure to act—both early Boko Haram's development and after more widespread violence emerged. In October 2014, the Nigerian government announced that it had negotiated a ceasefire with Boko Haram and that the girls would be returned, but many Nigerians were suspicious. Their suspicions were proved justified when the leader of Boko Haram announced days later that he would not participate in a ceasefire and had no intention of returning the girls to their homes. Nigerian people are growing increasingly desperate for new policies and solutions to the challenges faced by the country. Discuss what you would recommend to the Nigerian government, the U.S. government, the UN, or an international NGO, and complete the handout as a group.

1. Should the Nigerian government give the military more money and local power in the North? Why or why not?

2. Should there be government presence in mosques or the banning of Muslim organizations? Why or why not?

3. Should the United States send more economic aid to the Nigerian government? Why or why not?

4. Should President Goodluck Jonathan focus on his political campaign and connecting to the population? Why or why not?

5. Should other countries send troops to join military offensives against Boko Haram? Why or why not?

6. Should the UN and NGOs play a larger role in dealing with Boko Haram? Why or why not?

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Your Recommendation

1. To what group or organization is your recommendation directed (e.g. the Nigerian government)?

2. What do you recommend?

3. How does your recommendation address:

a. Nigerian politics?

b. Nigerian society?

c. the Nigerian economy?