

A COMPARISON OF THE CAUSES OF THE SECOND CONFLICTS IN LIBERIA AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

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ABSTRACT

The causes of conflict in Africa varied from one conflict to another due to the varied but similar historical background of the continent. Despite numerous studies on the causes of conflict in Africa little research has been done to compare the causes of Liberia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) second conflicts. There is therefore the need to close the existing gap regarding conflict theory and empirical evidence in the comparison of the causes of the conflicts during Liberia and the DRC second conflicts to enhance better understanding of why one conflict was resolve with one peace agreement whilst the other conflict took more than one agreements to bring sustainable peace. The study, therefore, seeks to do a comparison of the causes of conflict in the second conflicts of Liberia and the DRC and it implications for conflict resolution initiatives in Africa. The study employed a qualitative research methodology. The qualitative research methodology examines secondary data from publications on the causes of conflict on the second conflicts of Liberia and the DRC. The Liberia and the DRC causes of the second conflicts suggest poverty, human rights violations, corruption, bad governance, ethnicity and natural resource facilitated the conflict.

KEYWORDS: Poverty, Human Rights Violations, Corruption, Bad Governance, Ethnicity and Natural Resource.