

FACTORS AFFECTING INFORMATION LITERACY SKILLS AND INFORMATION USE BY LEGISLATORS IN SOUTH WEST, NIGERIA

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Abstract

The study looks at factors affecting information literacy skills and information use by Legislators in South West, Nigeria. In south West Nigeria, there are six states namely, Lagos, Oyo, Ogun, Osun, Ondo and Ekiti. For the purpose of this study, only three states were randomly selected for this study and they are: Ondo, Oyo and Ekiti. In all, there are seventy-eight Lawmakers cut across the states selected for the study. Descriptive survey research design was adopted for the study, the instrument for data collection was a structured questionnaire, it was administered to all the seventy-eight Lawmakers. Sixty-seven out of the seventy-eight questionnaire returned usable and this brings the response rate to 85.9%. The results from data gathered was analyzed using percentages. The result is presented in tables. The study found that Lawmakers in the selected States House of Assembly have acquired basic skills on information literacy which made information search and use easy for them. The study also revealed that there were some factors still affecting information use by these Lawmakers. It concluded that right information is a necessity when it comes to taking decisions.

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