Hypocrisy and Corruption, Two-Prong Instrument That Kills Democratic Leadership: The Nigeria Experience

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Abstract.

Hypocrisy and Corruption are twins and two sides of the same coin. Where there is hypocrisy, certainly, corruption must be seen as the outcome. In other words, corruption cannot thrive without hypocrisy, and vice versa. The problem of the duo is that they lead to anarchy, chaos, man`s inhumanity to man, and lack of trust. The methodologies used here are historical and phenomenological. The findings show that because hypocrisy and corruption hold sway in the leadership of Nigeria, the nation is in crisis. Killings, embezzlement of public funds, lies and all that are associated with the items, are rife in the country. It is the recommendation of this paper that Nigeria`s leaders should demonstrate leadership by example. They should match their words with actions so that a sane nation will be built.

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Introduction

A leader is one who knows the way where he is taking his people to, and shows them the same way to follow. Leadership in all its ramification, should be by example. When this is not the case, it becomes, `follow my words and not my actions` which is a dangerous pointer. It becomes profession without performance. The idea of saying one thing and behaveing differently should not seen among those who are in leadership position. Hypocrisy and corruption are bane to good leadership. "The way to ...win confidence is by earning respect through an exemplary life." (Amaowoh, Emmanuel 59). In the same vein, C. K. Barreth says that one "...secures respect not by arbitrary use of authority, but by becoming an example." (Amaowoh, Emmanuel 60) Matthew Henry lends support to this. He counsels that "Those who teach by their doctrine must teach by their life, else they pull down with one hand what they build up with the other" as quoted by Amaowoh and Emmanuel (60). Instruction is not enough, it must be backed with example. According to Larry J. Michael "Those who have made the greatest mistakes are leaders who have assumed that their position was [is] more important than their lifestyle. For some of them, the consequences have been tragic." (75)

This is the situation we have found ourselves here in Nigeria. Leaders who thought and think that position is more important than lifestyle. To them, politics in Nigeria has nothing to do with integrity and moral life. The two should not be separated. That is why Segun Gbadegesin says that Nigeria`s politics is "...politics of deceit and exploitation of the ignorant and povety-ridden masses...." (Gbadegesin 32.) Mike Ozekhome accused the present government of beguilement. He said:

> President Muhammadu Buhari and the APC have ...exhibited a very odious and unpleasant example of how to fight corruption, they have managed to convince Nigerians that politics is indeed the art of grand deception, double-cheating, duplicity, beguilement, sham and self-contradiction. They have justified the cliché that diplomacy is the clever art of telling a person to go to hell in such a way that he actually eagerly looks forward to the journey. (Ozekhome 19.)

Rotimi Ojomoyela reporting what Mr Femi Falana said on the release of Governors Dariye and Nyame by the Federal government from prison, wrote that he Mr Falana "... accused the Muhammadu Buhari administration of deceitfully riding to power on the anti-corruption mantra, only to gain power and abandon the promise to fight against financial heist being perpetrated by crooked politicians and elites...events in recent time have exposed the deceit of the government."(Ojomoyela 10.)

From the above, one can easily see that this present government is ruling on the wings of corruption and hypocrisy. It is necessary here to note that this Paper will concentrate on the regimes of former President Ebele Jonathan and the incumbent government led by President Muhammadu Buhari.

Hypocrisy: This is defined as:

> The contrivance of a false appearance of virtue or goodness, while concealing real character or inclination, especially with respect to religious and moral beliefs: hence in general sense, dissimulation, pretence, sham. The claim or pretence of having beliefs, standards, qualities, behaviours, virtues, motivations, etc. which one does not actually have....The practice of engaging in the same behaviour or activity for which one criticises another; moral self-contradiction whereby the behaviour of one or more people belies their own claimed or implied possession of certain beliefs, standards or virtues. (Vocapture. Online Dictionary. Web.)

Corruption: "Immoral behaviour...." (Watkins, Watkins 141) "The seeking of bribes....The act of changing, or of being changed, for the worse; departure from what is pure, simple, or correct."(Vocapture)

Democratic: This is according Watkins and Watkins, "Of , like, or supporting democracy." (169) Democracy itself is defined as "A government that has elected representatives. A country that is governed by its people or their elected representatives." (Watkins, Watkins 168).

Leadership: "The capacity of someone to lead others....The office or status of a leader." (Vocapture).

The leaders of this nation are democratically elected, chosen by the people which former President of America, Abraham Lincoln defined on November 19, 1863 as "...government of the people, by the people, for the people...." (Mike Ozekhome 19), is now one for the privileged few in Nigeria, who hold the country at ransom. To Richard Odusanya, "It is only in Nigeria that democracy is so acclaimed yet breached, so promoted yet disrespected, so important yet disappearing; all because we are unfortunate to have a crop of leaders who are undemocratic-overt dictators who aspire to the status conferred by the democracy label." (Odusanya 12). The capacity to lead is lacking because of false appearance of her leaders, who conceal their inclinations. Because of this, they are immoral in their behaviour, seeking bribe. The following examples will prove the above. The first phase will be on hypocrisy.

Hypocrisy in Governance.

Security: The present President of Nigeria, his main campaign beacons were the fight against insecurity and corruption. He emphasized these that the citizens saw him as their `messiah and liberator`. These earned him the admiration and support of the people. The pretence on this phenomenon of security is unveiled from his actions so far exhibited. According to Emeka Alex Duru,

> While gunning for the office [of presidency], he [Buhari] had pledged to address the twin evils of corruption and insecurity decisively. The hope of tackling insecurity, given his military background, was mainly what sold him to many Nigerians. But, sadly, rather than offering the citizens protection, the President has literally gone asleep or fiddles while the country burns. Even his so-called body language, which his supporters

> had advertised in his early days as the talisman to get the country working, has failed woefully. (21).

Pardoning Criminals: The President `came` to fight corruption. How far that fight has been fought leaves many sane people wandering. One who came to fight corruption, should not encourage it. The pardoning of the two governors who were "Convicted for N1.16 billion and N1.6 billion fraud respectively, Dariye and Nyame were jailed 10 and 12 years respectively..." ("Finally, Buhari shipwrecks the anti-corruption war") gives credence that that fight is hypocritical. Wole Soyinka spoke concerning this action. He said:

> ...how a government that jailed `two young men-Mubarak Bala and the musician Yahaya Sharif-one serving a sentence of 25 years, the other actually sentenced to death for alleged blasphemy,` could turn around to let loose veterans of broken pledges to further infect a world they have betrayed. Coming from a leader who had placed all his eggs in one basket, labelled anti-corruption, this is the egg squashed against Nigerian faces that they shall not forget-or wipe off-in a hurry...." (Anyanwu, Adams 26).

With this, "The veil of pretence worn by the President, Major General Muhammadu Buhari (retd), as an anti-corruption crusader has been lifted." ("Finally, Buhari shipwrecks the anti-corruption war).

Fuel Subsidy: The President condemned Fuel Subsidy while he was campaigning for presidency in 2011. He called it a fraud. He said that PDP government was using it to fund corruption. One remembers his question: "Who is subsidising who?" (Corruption and the Buhari legacy) This gave him a leverage for his victory in 2015. Recently, the Minister for Finance let the cat loose by telling the nation that the nation was struggling to service her debt because of the burden of fuel subsidy. (Even With A Gun To My Neck I Will Not Agree.) Who is fooling who? Till date, fuel subsidy is still in vogue. This is almost 8 years Buhari is in power, yet what he condemned, he is still practising. Hypocrisy being manifested.

None Extradition of Northerners: We remember Mazi Nnamdi Kanu who was extradited from Kenya to Nigeria to face his `criminal` case. But there are people who ought to receive the same measure from the northern part of this nation who are scot free. DCP Abba Kyari is from the north. He is involved in narcotics-related offences and alleged corruption traced to the international fraudster Abass aka Hushpuppi. According to HURIWA [Human Rights Writers Association of Nigeria],

> ...the government has done everything imaginable to refuse to extradite him to the USA but the same government has extradited other Nigerians from the South to the USA to face charges over alleged fraud of less than the amount for which the disgraced police officer is being sought by EPI for which the Northern born AGF [Attorney General of the Federation] has done everything to undermine the extradition application of the Government of USA.(HURIWA blasts Buhari govt, lists Northerners walking free after indictment in fraud.)

In addition to the above, one will also ask as Laila st. Matthew-Daniel asked why the Department of State Service was able to apprehend the mastermind of Anambra Lawmaker`s killer, but is not able to track kidnappers, Boko haram members, Bandits in the North East. (DSS Used Technology To Capture)

Military Jet Brought Down by Fulani Bandits: In Zamfara state, a Military Jet was brought down by armed Fulani bandits which led to emergency ejection of the pilot. What did the government do? "...President Muhammadu Buhari simply made a drab Press statement through the noisy Garba Shehu ranting that the terrorists would be thought a lesson." (Emmanuel Onwubiko: helicopter terrorists amidst docile citizenry.) The promise to curb insecurity, what happened to it? Hypocrisy.

Owo Massacre: It was in the news few months ago when worshippers at Catholic Church in Owo in Ondo state were massacred in cold blood. The Federal government announced that the act was done by ISWAP (Islamic State West African Province). According to Human Rights Writers Association of Nigeria (HURIWA), such declaration was a cover up as it is "...a clear contradiction to claims by some survivors who had pointed to Fulani terrorists as the masterminds." (Owo massacre: `Cover up`-Buhari under fire for hastily naming ISWAP) The group further said that

> ...the Ondo State Governor, Mr Rotimi Akeredolu rejected the claim by the Federal Government that the Islamic State West African Province is responsible for the terrorists attack clearly shows that Buhari`s government was involved in a cover-up gambit...asked Nigerians to demand accountability from the Federal Government on why it has failed to protect innocent Nigerians and especially Christians. `The citizens must demand to know why there are no efforts by the Central government to punish terrorists but each time these terrorists attack soft targets, the Federal Government will go on overdrive attempting to spread confusion

> and lies so as to hide the identity of the killers`....`we must bear in mind that the Ondo State Governor ...noted that the Fedeeral Government`s conclusion was too hasty, said he took the conclusion with a pinch of salt, adding that ISWAP members were known to take responsibility for their attacks. (Owo massacre: `Cover up`-Buhari under fire for hastily naming ISWAP .)

Recently, the killers had been arrested. They are not members of ISWAP.

NAIRA EXCHANGE RATE: During the regime of President Ebele Jonathan, El Rufai criticized the exchange rate of Naira to Dollar. It was when the exchange rate was 140 to 160 in January 2021. As at July 2022, "The Naira is currently trading at "...N710 per US dollar." (Nigerians react as old tweet of El-Rufai questioning the dollar exchange rate) Where is El Rufai who criticized the former government? Is he not in the government as to reduce the rate now less than he criticized? One can see the hypocrisy of the government.

HERDSMEN CARRYING GUNS: In Nigeria, it is unlawful for ordinary citizen to carry prohibited gun. Such a person will be arrested and prosecuted. However the reverse is the case with Fulani Herdsmen who carry guns to kidnap, kill and maim armless citizens. This double standard has led Governor Ortom of Benue State to ask whether the Fulanis are exempted from the law. He said:

> By the provision of the law, nobody is allowed to carry prohibited weapons, but Fulani (herdsmen) are exempted from it. they sack the people from their homes and kill innocent citizens and the Federal Government will not label them a terrorist organisation. How can anybody explain that the Prelate of the Methodist Church was kidnapped...where security personnel who go after Indigenous People of Biafra, IPOB, and Nnamdi Kanu are stationed but they are not going after the Fulani (herdsmen) who are terrorising the people? The rule of law is not being respected by the Federal Government; Fulani (herdsmen) have no right or immunity to carry AK-47 but they are allowed.(Duru. kidnap of Methodist prelate: FG`s complacency.)

Government Committed to `Repentant` Terrorists: The hypocrisy of this government is exposed on the ways `repentant` bandits are handled and their victims. Those who repented are being rehabilitated; tax payers money is used to sponsor their rehabilitation; new clothes sewn for them, served government food and accommodation. One will ask, what about their victims, those who were killed and kidnapped? In others words, these `repentant` bandits are more important to government than law abiding citizens. No

wonder Bishop Kukah said "...the Federal Government seems more committed to rehabilitating `so-called` repentant terrorists than freeing children and others they abducted." (FG more committed to rehabilitating repentant terrorists.)

Mute Over Pardoned Governors: During the reign of President Jonathan, he gave State pardon to Diepreye Alamieyesegha of Bayelsa State in 2013, Messrs el-Rufai and Keyamo who were then in opposition Party, APC, criticised that action. Spoke against it. Today, they are in governance and President Buhari pardoned two governors, Dariye and Nyame, who were imprisoned because of fraud. (Nigeria: Buhari`s Men, Who Criticised Jonathan for Pardoning Almieyesegha.) Today, they are mute and dumb. They have no mouth to speak, nor eyes to see.

The President`s Son`s Wedding: Yusuf, the President`s son wedded recently. Who is who in Nigeria attended the wedding. Many came with Private Jets. The wedding was described as "...very extravagant... during which guests danced to Naira Marley`s songs containing salacious lyrics." (Douglas Anele. "On the epidemic of hypocrisy amongst the elite in Nigeria.) It is not that he who has money should not spend it, but the problem was the scenario that it portrayed. Many things `evil` in other people`s occasions, were condoned in this because the couple are children of the `sacred cows`.

> Because both the bride and groom are among the pigs in the farm called Nigeria, over zealous hisbah police in Kano looked the other way just as self-styled guardians of public morality did not respond to the ostentatious wedding with the same level of vitriolic dubious indignations they did to the burial at Oba. That said, the opulence of Yusuf`s wedding is in bad taste and condemnable. To begin with, he is the son of a President who wears the mask of an ascetic disciplinarian not given to ribaldry and ostentatiousness....Thus either Buhari failed to inculcate in his son his so-called Spartan lifestyle or Nigerians who think of him as someone with a healthy disdain for materialism have been deceived all along. (Anele.)

Compromise by The Judiciary: The Judiciary which is the last hope of the common man has not been left out in this hypocritical atmosphere. While some have kept faith, others have thrown integrity to the thin air. This is unfortunate. "The Constitution requires a judge to dispense justice without fear or favour. The law enforcement agencies have been doing a lot in investigating and shaming judiciary officers who have compromised their positions." (Adegborwa)

National Health-Care: Health care of the citizens should be top priority to any government. Any government that fails on this, does not love her people. This was the argument of President Buhari when he was soliciting for votes against 2015. He promised to restore the health care sector. Behold, this is also a mirage. Omojuyigbe said:

> ...we feel pained by the fact that President Buhari continues to violate every of his campaign promise made in the run-off to the 2015 presidential election, including fixing the nation`s dilapidated healthcare sector. Instead of honouring his word, hardly a year passed since assuming office that he has not visited London for medicare at public expense, despite the Billions of Naira budgeted for the Aso Villa Clinic yearly. We recall, for example, that in November last year the Senate at a session lamented the N1.3 billion 2021 budget proposed for the State House Clinic, insisting that the President and other top government officials should no longer fly abroad for medicare. So far, the President is estimated to have cumulatively spent over half of a year outside the country since June 2015, mostly to keep his doctors` appointments. (Nigeria`s Worsening Health Sector, Government Hypocrisy.)

President Jonathan`s Hypocrisy: The past administration of President Jonathan was not an exception in the train of hypocrisy. Several actions show this. He failed to declare his asset; two former Central Bank governors raised alarm over missing 20 billion dollars and 30 trillion Naira, he did nothing except when he was in the bid for second tenure that he set an Investigation Panel; a former Minister of Aviation Stella Odua purchased 2 Bullet Proof BMW car worth over 225 million Naira in violation of ministerial expenditure, yet no disciplinary measure was taken; Petroleum Minister Mrs. Diezani Allison Madueke was accused of frittering away 10 billion Naira in a year on chattered flights, no eye brow was raised; his government caught of laundering 9.3 million dollars in cash into South Africa via the private Jet of Pastor Ayo Oritsejafor, the then CAN President in violations of the laws of Nigeria and South Africa. Instead of admitting, he said that the money was meant for the purchase of arms against Boko Haram. He was in cordial relationship with sponsor and funder of Boko Haram Ali Sherif, ex convicts Dipreye Alamieyeseigha and Bode George, drug baron and fugitive Buruji Kashamu, militants and outlaws Asari Dokubo and Gani Adams. Yet this was the administration that admonished Nigerians to stop celebrating people with ill-gotten wealth and preached against corruption. (Nelson Ekujumi. President Goodluck Jonathan and Hypocrisy.) It was he in 2014 at Abuja while declaring for his second tenure said corruption was "...as big challenge `in our national life. It corrodes our efforts at development and at motivating competence in critical sectors

of our national growth`" (Eze, Emmanuel, Onuanyim 5.) In other words, he was against corruption. The above scenario will tell whether that was true. All that glitters is not gold. All was deception.

Negotiation with Terrorists: The government many times has negotiated with terrorists. Those who were kidnapped were released and ransoms paid for that. The implication is that the terrorists are bigger than the government. They dictate the pace and the government follows. However, the government that negotiates with terrorists, is against citizens who are out for their rights. They are being prosecuted. Sheikh Nuru Khalid exposed this hypocrisy. He said: "...the same government that negotiates with bandits and terrorists is now afraid of citizens speaking out, especially those who want their rights." (FG Can Negotiate With Terrorists.)

No Arrest for the Purchase of APC Forms: A public officer whose salaries for four years would not be up to N100,000,000= (One hundred million Naira) purchasing Presidential Form that was more than his salaries, ordinarily the Economic and Finance Crimes Commission (EFCC) should have queried the person as to the source of his income. Reno Omokri said that EFCC was arresting "...young men... for driving expensive cars... [said] that anyone who pays 100 million for political form should be invited for questioning." (If They See A Young Man Driving A Car.) Not only him, Pelumi Olajengbesi gave EFCC, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission seven days to invite those who purchased the Forms within seven days to come and explain their sources of income. (N100m nomination form: Lawyer gives EFCC seven days.) Of course this did not happen. It was because the `culprits` were members of the ruling party.

One Refinery Each Year: When the President was campaigning for the office of President of Nigeria, he and his Party promised the nation one Refinery one each year. The situation of our refineries today will tell us whether the President was serious when he promised that. None has been built, and the existing ones have not been maintained for almost 8 years in office. Senator Ishaku Abbo wrote an Article captioned: "APC Promised To Build 1 Refinery Every Year But Failed To Even Repair Existing Ones." ("APC Promised To Build 1 Refinery Every Year.) Recently the Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company, Mele Kele Kyari unveiled that "...there is no single refinery working in the country at the moment [as at June 2022]." ("No refinery is functional in Nigeria-NNPC GMD." 25)

Academic Staff Union of Universities` (ASUU) Strikes: This government before it took the mantle of leadership was offering solutions to ASUU strike, especially Adamu Adamu

who was then a Journalist and Accountant before 2015. Now he is the Minister for Education, the `solutions` have flown away. Aremu Lukman Umor asked: "Of what use is a man who writes extensively on the solutions to a problem and fails when he`s called to implement his touted solutions?" (Umor 11).

Removal of Fuel Subsidy: Buhari campaigned against fuel subsidy. To him, it was a way to `cover up` corruption at that time. he was `bold` to say that if elected President, he would remove it-"...in 2014, he said he will [would] remove the fuel subsidy." (Godwin Tsa 13.) Today, a divergent tone is heard. For almost 8 years, it has not been done. "Now, the president says we are going to do it [removal of fuel subsidy] in August 2023." (Godwin Tsa 13). Of course, if it should happen, not when he is the President. He will leave office on May 29, 2023.

Corruption in Governance

On the issue of corruption in governance, President Buhari campaigned vigorously against it in 2014. He `hated` it as one will hate Covid-19. The nation saw him as a `stainless` man. That was an overstatement. His true colour has been seen. During his inaugural speech on May 2015, he was recorded as saying that: "We are going to tackle pervasive corruption head on. Nigerians will not regret that they have entrusted national responsibility to us." (withdraw pardon for Dariye, Nyame, SERAP tells Buhari 29.) Today, we can say that pervasive corruption has been tackled head on or down; whether we are regretting for entrusting the national responsibility to them or not. According to Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP), "...the latest Transparency International`s Corruption Perception Index shows that Nigeria scored 24 out of 100 points, and ranked 154 out of 180 countries surveyed, falling back five places from the rank of 149 in 2020. This places Nigeria as the second most corrupt country in West Africa." (withdraw pardon for Dariye 29) The followings will serve as evidences to corrupt activities of the government.

Promotion of Magu: The former acting Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Ibrahim Magu, who is still under investigation for corrupt allegations under Justice Ayo Salami led panel, was promoted. When asked why such action was taken, the Minister of Police Affairs Mohammad Dingyadi said that the Ministry did not know the reason Magu was promoted. ("We Don`t Why Magu Was Promoted.) It was HURIWA that gave detailed information of what transpired. He was promoted "...from a Commissioner of Police cadre to that of an Assistant Inspector of Police despite being savked for alleged graft-related reasons and abuse of office...the allegations...till now have been hidden from the public and report of the investigative

panel...for which billions of public funds would have spent, remained a mystery." (HURIWA blasts Buhari govt, lists Northerners.)

Money Looted Enough to Pay ASUU: The rate money is being looted has made Femi Falana to advise the government to collect these moneys and pay the lecturers who are on strike. To him, the money would be more than enough. According to News Hub Creator, Falana "...has called on the President...to use public funds looted by corrupt government officials in his regime to address ASUU`s demands and end the ongoing strike by the union...money looted by his officials is more than enough to resolve issues with ASUU." (Money Looted By Your Regime Is Enough To Pay ASUU.)

Pardon for Nyame and Dariye: The Presidential pardon for the two governors-Dariye and Nyame, who siphoned their States` treasuries, has been seen as one of heights breeding corruption by this administration. One will ask, "How can you fight against corruption by encouraging it?" That was why Falana charged Plateau and Taraba citizens to sue Federal government over such pardon for such people who denied them of the moneys they would have benefited from. (Falana charges Plateau, Taraba citizens to sue FG.) With such action, "...the essential ingredient of deterrence is weakened....The action sounds the death knell on Buhari`s discredited anti-corruption posture. (Finally, Buhari shipwrecks the anti-corruption war.)

What will be the result of such `pardon`? Ibrahim Mustapha gave the answer. "...the pardon will embolden corruption and render war against corruption meaningless in a country where corruption has become the order of the day. government officials will steal public funds with impunity believing they will be pardoned by government...Nigerians should forget about war against corruption." (Mustapha 11.)

Derision to Accountability: When what one preaches is different from what he practises, such a person becomes a laughing stock including his speeches. This was exactly what Lawrence Wilbert saw in this government. To him, accountability is held with derision which has given `tonic` to corruption. The government, according to him, has failed in her responsibility, and concluded that "Official corruption is at an all-time high, as the powers that be consistently treat the ideals of accountability...with...derision" (Olawale 10.)

When the head is off, the body is useless. When the source of water is corrupt and dirty, the whole stream is bad. The President and his Party were massively voted for in 2015 and 2019 because of their claimed `transparency and fight against corruption`, today, nobody talks about the two above without mentioning the President and his party. "...today those

whom we accused of looting and destroying this country are now leading a party that came to fight corruption. Thieves are now heroes in APC, they are being given red carpet reception, this is a huge disappointment." (Anyanwu, Adams 26.) To cap it all,

> A former chairman of the ruling party once publicly invited opponents to join them promising that their `sins would be forgiven.` several individuals recently elected to leadership of the party, including the chairman, have long-running graft cases against them; a former governor of Gombe State had his N5 billion fraud trial discontinued after he stepped down from the contest for the Senate presidency in favour of the regime`s choice. (Finally, Buhari shipwrecks the anti-corruption war.)

To Bishop Kuka, all aspects of the nation`s life is broken. "Only corruption is alive and well." (Obogo 6.)

Conclusion

Nigeria`s leaders should know that honesty is the best policy. Hypocrisy will only last for a while, true nature must show no matter how long. Great and true leaders match their words with actions; their words are their watchwords. Our leaders must know that when a leader is corrupt, the followers, more or less, will follow suit. In the case of Nigeria today, the problem of hypocrisy in governance is a threat to national life and survival. It leads to lack of trust in the leaders; life of impunity among the citizenry, chaos; the survival of the `fittest`; lack of progress and may even lead to civil war. "Truth be told, Nigeria under Buhari, is on a curve. Indications point to an administration that is not bothered or prepared to deal with challenges of the times." (Duru 21.) Blessed is that nation whose leaders are genuine, truthful, and selfless.

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