

## **Welcome to the Group. Now that you are here, here are things that we DON'T DO HERE**

- **Politics:** WHY? Because we each belong to (or sympathise with) different political groups/parties. We have varying political beliefs and orientation. Dasswai.
  - "Oh, but I like discussing Politics".
    - Most of us like it, too. We just don't discuss it on this Platform. If you want anyone of us to hear you wax politically, please invite the person to your Political Group or chat with them directly. Many of us do that now. Keep it off THIS particular Group.
- **Religion:** WHY? Well, "My God can beat up your God" has been known to be a very quick way to scatter Groups. We have been scattered for over 30 years now, and we are just getting back together. Don't be THAT person who dey remove bricks while others try to build a Castle.
  - "Oh, my God commands me to witness to (and pray for) everyone at every opportunity".
    - Thank God for your God, and thank you for doing God's work. Just witness to each of us PRIVATELY. Invite each of us (PRIVATELY) to your Religious Group and let's worship and praise and pray and jollificate together.
- **Race/Tribe/Status:** Well, you know WHY it's not advisable to touch any of these in polite companies, so no need to say more.
- **NIGERIA:** We each love our Country of birth. We each have opinions on its current state, and we each have at least one "Sure-bet" idea on HOW it could be better. Who doesn't want Nigeria to progress, eh? Well, in order for Nigeria to become better, it is imperative that we have peace, tranquility and less acrimony and dissonance in this Group. Consider it a matter of National Security, and please leave Nigeria at the door as you enter this Class. If you MUST discuss Nigeria, please invite each of us privately for that conversation, or ask any of us to invite you into our favorite "Nigeria Matters" Group.
  - Of course, light, no-malice commentaries on religion, politics and Nigeria are ok. Use your judgment. Don't abuse your judgment. Because if you do, the rest of us may be tempted to question your judgment.
- **Past Escapades:** Remember that we have all grown now. The past is past. IF you have to ask whether a topic or statement you are about to raise or make will make anyone uncomfortable, PLEASE DON'T bring it up. IF not bringing it up will result in self-immolation or spontaneous combustion, just say it to someone PRIVATELY.
- **Crude Jokes/Pornography/Harassment:** We don't really have to mention this, do we? No? Good!