

Social Studies Teachers' Readiness to Teach the Security Education Theme in the Reviewed Edition of Nigeria's Basic Education Curriculum

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Abstract

This study analysed Social Studies teachers' readiness to teach Security Education. 720 practicing Social Studies teachers drawn from 72 Junior Secondary schools in the South Western Nigeria were administered with a structured questionnaire. The data collected were analysed using simple non-parametric statistics. Findings showed that the teachers have a significantly low knowledge and awareness of the components of the Theme-Security Education. However, the teachers' readiness to acquire additional useful knowledge and skills required for handling Security Education alongside their area of specialisation (Social Studies) was found to be significantly high. The teachers perceived the inclusion of Security Education in the reviewed Curriculum as a development that will create a significantly higher workload for them. Nevertheless, their response showed a relatively high degree of negative disposition towards the handling of the newly introduced Security Education theme in National Values class. Based on these findings necessary recommendations focusing on the need for training and organizing workshops for curriculum implementers were suggested.

Keywords: Social Studies, Security Education, Basic Education Curriculum, Civic Education, National Values, Practicing Teachers' Readiness, Nigeria.

1. Background to the Study

The Nigeria educational system has continued to witness conscious and concrete efforts aimed at improving the contents of what is delivered as curriculum at levels, right from the 1969 Curriculum Review Conference till a recent effort which has now reduced the number of subjects that can be offered at the Basic Education level. One of the major outcomes of this recent curriculum review is the introduction of Religion and National Values (RNV) that has reduced the hitherto standalone subjects like Social Studies, Civic Education to themes, with an addition of a new theme called Security Education.

Even though this latest review has been shrouded in a lot of controversies, particularly on the feasibility of expecting only one teacher to handle three themes, there is still the need to raise a major implementation constrain. This is concerned with how prepared were the Social Studies teachers who are now charged with the handling of the theme- Security Education, alongside their Social Studies and Civic Education during their training. Coupled with this is the erroneous assumption by the curriculum designer/development agency that any teacher trained in Social Studies should be competent enough to teach the newly introduced theme-Security Education.

2. Nigeria's Basic Education Curriculum

The Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC) as part of its statutory responsibilities restructured the then existing primary and junior secondary school curricula into a 9-year Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) in line with the UBE. The BEC which became operational in 2008 beginning from year 1 of primary school and year 1 of junior secondary school was therefore developed to facilitate the implementation of the UBE. By this arrangement, the old primary and junior secondary school curricula were to be systematically phased out in two cycles; primary school in 2014 and junior secondary school in 2011.

However, this reviewed curriculum was not allowed to complete its implementation cycle before another call for review was initiated, and the exercise culminated in a revised 9-year Basic Education Curriculum. The new one now comprises ten (10) subjects instead of the old one that had twenty (20) subjects that are being studied at the

Basic Education level. According to NERDC (2012), this development allowed for relevant subjects to be grouped, and Social Studies were grouped alongside Civic Education, and a new one- Security Education, under a new name called “**National Values**”.

The new curriculum arrangement came in place to address the issue of topic, content and subject overload as well as repetitions within the subjects without any reduction in the depth, appropriateness, and interconnectedness of the curricula as part the Education Sector’s role in the facilitation of the realisation of the achievement of the core objectives of National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategies (NEEDS), Education for All (EFA) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). It also came in response to the ever-changing needs, challenges and aspirations of the Nigerian society.

The Social Studies teacher is expected to teach three themes (Social Studies, Civic Education and Security Education) in his or her class, but the question is how the training institution has and the corresponding teacher education curriculum prepared him or her for this new role? This is the major focus of this paper. It is therefore pertinent at this juncture to raise a major statement of problem which is how competent are the practising Social Studies teachers in the handling of the Security Education theme while teaching the subject National Values?

3. Research Questions

The following research questions were therefore addressed in the study:

- Do practising Junior Secondary Social Studies teachers have a significantly high knowledge and awareness of the demands of Security Education as a theme in National Values?
- Has the preparation of practising Social Studies teachers significantly prepared them for effective handling of the content areas of the Security Education theme in National Values?
- Are practising Junior Secondary Social Studies teachers significantly competent to teach the topics suggested under the theme- Security Education in a National Values class?
- Do the practising Junior Secondary Social Studies teachers perceive the inclusion of Security Education theme in the new Basic Education Curriculum as an intervention demanding more workload from them?
- Do practising Junior Secondary Social Studies teachers possess a significantly high positive attitude towards the inclusion of Security Education theme in the new Basic Education Curriculum?

4. Hypotheses

Ho₁: Practising Junior Secondary Social Studies teachers do not have a significantly high knowledge and awareness of the demands of Security Education as a theme in National Values.

Ho₂: The Practising Junior Secondary Social Studies teachers have not been significantly prepared for effective handling of the content areas of the Security Education theme in National Values.

Ho₃: Practising Junior Secondary Social Studies teachers are not significantly competent to teach each of the topics suggested under the theme - Security Education in a National Values class.

Ho₄: The Practising Junior Secondary Social Studies teachers do not perceive the inclusion of Security Education theme in the new Basic Education Curriculum as an intervention significantly demanding more workload from them.

Ho₅: The Practising Junior Secondary Social Studies teachers do not have a significantly high positive attitude towards the inclusion of Security Education theme in the new Basic Education Curriculum.

5. Concept of Security Education

Security Education in a democracy is education aimed at building resilience. It is the ability of children, communities and systems to anticipate, prevent, withstand, adapt to and recover from stresses and shocks advancing the rights of every child, especially the most disadvantaged. It is an education about what it takes to be in the state of being or feeling secure; freedom from fear, anxiety, danger, doubt, and state or sense of safety or certainty

The concept is known to have been interchangeably used with “security awareness” and “security consciousness”. In a simple form, Fabinu, Ogunleye & Salau (2016) described Security Education as that type of education designed to promote the level of security consciousness among the citizenry of a particular country for them to be able to protect their immediate environment, nation and the world at large. Furthermore, they see it as one education that helps to enrich people’s knowledge against any form of threatening actions to lives and properties, be it at home, in school, in place of work, or in the country.

Trends institution.org (2018) while quoting Buzan (1991) remarks that security is taken to be about the pursuit of freedom from threat and the ability of states and societies to maintain their independent identity, and their functional integrity against forces of change, which they see as hostile. The bottom line of security is survival, but it also reasonably includes a substantial range of concerns about the conditions of existence.”

An effective Security Education therefore brings communities together, gives children and communities aspirations for a better life creating communities that are more resilient for overcoming conflict.

6. Security Education and Teachers Receptivity to Curriculum Change

In an attempt to introduce any curriculum change the implementation are known to be wary of the demands of such change. Hence, they tend to exhibit some signs of receptivity. The case of the Security Education theme in the new National Values Curriculum is not likely to be an exemption.

Although extant literature on Security Education is relatively sparse, there are cases in other subjects that can be cited to confirm this teacher receptivity to curriculum change. For instance, Lee (2010), while examining teacher receptivity to curriculum change in implementation guidelines for Environmental Education in Hong Kong, reported that variables such as perceived non-monetary cost-benefit of the implementation guidelines, perceived practicality, perceived school and other support and other. Issues of concern were predictors for teacher behavioural intentions towards active involvement and promotion of the curriculum 'change.

7. Rationale for the Introduction of Security Education in the New Basic Education Curriculum

There is an undeniable increasing prevalence of emergency situations in the Nigerian schools in particular and the larger society in general. Typical recent example is the kidnapping of over hundred (100) secondary school students from Dapchi; a community in Yobe State, North Eastern Nigeria. The increasing severity of this pathetic security situation makes the introduction of Security Education in the curriculum very germane.

The necessity of introducing Security Education in the Nigerian primary and secondary schools has therefore become very germane because of the rapid increase in crime rate and security breaches, and continued increase in security threats as reflected in the increasing incidences of insecurity across the different geo-political zones of Nigeria. This is in terms of militia insurgency resulting in uncontrolled loss of lives, high rate of kidnapping, armed robbery, incessant cult clashes and killings etc.

Children and youth need security and safety tips. They need someone to turn to, someone who has the experience and training to handle a potentially dangerous situation and who can properly guide them towards living a safer and more secured life as they operate within and outside the school. With the right combination of determination, strength, training, and a desire to do what's right, it is possible for such individuals to promote better school safety and security in the community. The challenge however, is the capability of a trained Social Studies teacher to muster enough knowledge and skill to achieve this.

8. Essential Components of Security Education in the Revised Basic Education Curriculum

This curriculum is organized using the thematic approach around which the topics and contents are built. It is also spiral in nature with each learning experience at one level built upon at another, with increasing levels of difficulty and depth. The sub-themes and corresponding topics for Primary 1-6 are:

Level	Sub-theme	Corresponding Topics	Units
Primary 1	Elements of Security	Concept of Security	Meaning of security of life and property. Some sources of danger and insecurity
Primary 2		Sources of Danger and Insecurity	- Sources of Insecurity in our community - How to keep away from dangers -
		Identification of Security Agencies and their Primary Duties	Examples of security agencies in Nigeria - Duties of some security agencies in our Community
Primary 3		Identification of Security Agencies and their Primary Duties	- Security agencies and duties. - Identification of which security agency to report to when in danger
		Elements of Criminal	- Some examples of criminal

		Behaviour	behaviours - Ways to avoid criminal behaviours
Primary 4	Personal/Neighbourhood Security: Duties and Responsibilities	Introduction to Neighbourhood Security	- Meaning of Neighbourhood Watch - Ways of Reporting Movements that we don't trust - Dangers of Not Reporting Suspicious Movement and people in our Community
		Important Phone Numbers in our Community and their uses	- Different Emergency Phone Numbers and their Uses. - Some Emergency Situations that may Need Emergency Phone Calls
Primary 5	Personal/Neighbourhood Security: Duties and Responsibilities	Introduction to Personal Security	- Meaning of Personal Security - Actions and Behaviours that can make us to be personally secured
		Duties and Responsibilities for Personal Security	- Duties and responsibilities of a child for personal security
Primary 6	Personal/Neighbourhood Security: Duties and Responsibilities	Personal Security Management	Meaning of Personal Security Management Punishment for various crimes How to act appropriately when in danger

The sub-themes and corresponding topics for Junior Secondary 1 -3 are contained in Table 2.

JS 1Theme- Common Crimes and Security Management I,	JS 2 Theme- Common Crimes and Security Management II	JS 3 Theme- Common Crimes and Security Management III
Topics	Topic	Topics
Common crimes, causes and effects	Emergency management	Common crimes and associated punishments
Cooperation with security agents, school and neighbourhood authorities in crime prevention	Observing and reporting common crimes	Crimes and National security

This curriculum stresses learner-centered approaches. The learner-centered approach involves the consideration of the learners' conditions, including how to develop in them the interest to pursue Security Education as contained in our curriculum. It treats the learners as people who have the capacity to think and behave rightly through a learning process in which they active players.

The teaching methodology of the Security Education theme in the curriculum is dynamic and promotes interaction. Hence, the teaching –learning experiences do not support forcing some values on the learners. Rather it encourages a kind of teaching that touches on the learners' daily life. The methodology therefore involves active learning/participative strategies, experiential learning, partnerships in learning with learners' participation, dialogue, self-expression, storytelling and response to stories, project work focused on identifying questions and researching answers. It also encourages exchange with children from other cultures using their own medium, creative teaching and learning.

Another special feature of the Security Education curriculum is in the values and attitudes which need to be addressed through the curriculum and the whole school. Through effective teaching of the theme, learners are

expected to become more alert, patriotic, sensitive to strange objects and people and be more security conscious in and around their environment.

9. Methods

The study employed quantitative approach in obtaining data required. This was done through the use of a five – part questionnaire.

A total of seven hundred and twenty (720) Practicing Social Studies teachers drawn from seventy two (72) Junior Secondary schools in the South Western Nigeria were used as sample for this study using the cluster and stratified random sampling techniques. One hundred and twenty (120) Social Studies teachers were randomly selected from ten schools in each of the six (6) South West States (Lagos, Oyo, Ogun, Osun, Ondo and Ekiti State).

A five-part questionnaire was designed with a five - point Likert scale of Strongly Disagreed, Disagreed, Not Sure, Strongly Agreed and Agreed for collecting data for the study. Section A of the questionnaire demanded demographic information about the respondents. Section B dealt with teachers' level of awareness and knowledge of the demands of Security Education as a theme in National Values; Part C focused on the relationship between the level of preparation of practising Social Studies teachers during training and effective handling of the content areas of the Security Education theme; Part D dealt with teachers' level of competency to teach the topics suggested under the theme- Security Education in a National Values class and Part E dealt with level of teachers' perception of the inclusion of Security Education theme in the new Basic Education Curriculum as an intervention demanding more workload from them.

The questionnaire was given to experts in instrument design to examine its face and content validity. In the process, some items were modified, some removed, while few others were added. To determine the reliability of the questionnaire it was administered on sixty (60) Social Studies teachers' from 20 schools used for the pilot study. A split half method was used. Thereafter, Cronbach's Alpha was conducted and the coefficient was found to be 0.76.

Research Assistants were deployed to the sampled schools in each of the six States used for this study in the South Western Nigeria. They explained the content of the questionnaire and necessary clarifications were also made to the respondents. The questionnaires were physically administered and collected by the research assistants on the spot to enable them have high rate of return and reduce the incidence of loss or damage of the instrument as they had earlier been informed of the intended visits.

10. Results

Data collected were collated and subjected to analysis in order to determine the mean scores obtainable for each of the tested hypotheses. The mean response was used to analyze data collected in order to determine the degree of agreement and disagreement with each of the scaling statements in the questionnaire. Nominal values were assigned to the items as follows: from 5 through 4, 3, 2 and 1 for “Strongly Agree” (SA), “Agree” (A), “Undecided” (UD), “Disagree” (D) and “Strongly Disagree” (SD), to determine the partitioning value of items, the maximum of each of the nominal values was divided by N. For purposes of data interpretation, mean values of 3.00 and above were considered for agreement; mean values below 3.00 were taken to mean disagreement with respect to items on the attitudes and practices of the respondents. A standard deviation greater than 1.00 was taken to indicate high variability among respondents.

H0₁: Practicing junior secondary Social Studies teachers do not have a significantly high knowledge and awareness of the demands of Security Education

Analysis of the data for Hypothesis One is presented in Table 1. The mean score ranged from 2.59 to 3.37. The overall mean score is 3.25 with SD 1.17 which is slightly above the middle limit of 3.00. Based on the mean scores, it can be inferred that Practicing junior secondary Social Studies teachers do not have a significantly high knowledge and awareness of the demands of Security Education.

Table 1. Junior Secondary Social studies teachers awareness and Knowledge of the demands of Security Education

S/N	Items/Statements	SD	D	Not Sure	SA	A	Mean	SD
1	Security Education theme is now included in the revised Basic Education Curriculum	250 (38.9)	130 (18.0)	32 (4.4)	199 (27.6)	79 (11.0)	3.37	1.49
2	Effective handling of the theme on Security Education demands an additional knowledge	172 (23.9)	31 (4.3)	16 (2.2)	379 (52.7)	122 (16.9)	2.72	1.75

	acquisition in that area of study							
3	High degree of the knowledge of the subject matter of Security Education by Social Studies teachers in schools is presently lacking.	149 (20.7)	51 (7.1)	17 (2.4)	360 (50.0)	143 (19.9)	2.60	1.42
4	Sub-themes like elements of security, person/neighbourhood security, common crimes and security management are part of the content to be taught by the Social Studies teacher handling Security Education in his/her class.	252 (35.0)	157 (21.8)	41 (5.7)	205 (28.6)	64 (8.9)	2.59	1.422
5	The demands of the methodology recommended for teaching the topics listed under the Security Education theme at the Basic Education level are quite similar to those of Social Studies.	162 (22.5)	123 (17.1)	28 (3.9)	307 (42.7)	100 (13.8)	2.92	1.43
		985	492	1171	1450	508	3.24	1.172

Of the five items used to measure the knowledge and awareness, only the statement that says ‘Security Education theme is now included in the revised Basic Education Religion and National Values Curriculum’ was given the highest rating with a mean of 3.37. All the other four items have mean scores below 3.00. The deduction from these responses is that practicing Social Studies teachers do not possess high knowledge and awareness of the demands of Security Education

The result also revealed that 69.6% of the practicing Social Studies teachers agreed with the statement that “Effective handling of the theme on Security Education demands an additional knowledge acquisition in that area of study”. Almost 70% of the teachers agreed with the statement that “High degree of the knowledge of the subject matter of Security Education by Social Studies teachers on schools is presently lacking”. This could be attributed to the training packages in terms of curricula and curricular materials which were used for preparing these teachers while in the College of Education or the Faculty of Education as pre-service teachers.

H0₂: The practicing Junior Secondary Social Studies teachers have not been significantly prepared for effective handling of the content areas of the Security Education theme in religion and national value.

The respondents were asked to rate statements relating to the effective handling of the content areas of the Security Education theme in National Values. The results are as presented in Table 2.

Seven items were used in measuring the effective handling of the content areas of the Security Education theme in National Values. The mean scores of the statements ranged from 1.91 to 3.93. Three of the items had mean scores above 3.00 while four items with mean scores below 3.00. The deduction from these responses and the overall mean score is that practicing Junior Secondary Social Studies teachers have not been significantly prepared for effective handling of the content areas of the Security Education theme in National Values

Table: 2. Junior Secondary Social Studies Teachers Level of Preparation for effective Handling of the Content Areas of Security Education theme

S/N	Items/Statements	SD	D	Not Sure	SA	A	Mean	
1	The content of the teacher education curriculum at both the Nigeria Certificate in Education	287 (39.9)	264 (36.6)	18 (2.5)	96 (13.3)	55 (7.6)	3.87	1.276

	(NCE) and Undergraduate levels does not have any sub-theme or topics relevant to the Security Education theme of the revised Basic Education Curriculum.							
2.	Pre-service Social Studies teachers are already familiar with most of the suggested Security Education themes and topics while in training either at NCE or undergraduate level.	281 (39.0)	290 (40.3)	27 (3.7)	64 (8.9)	58 (8.1)	3.93	1.23
3.	The recommended foundation and content courses used in preparing Social Studies during training are not capable of grooming them effectively for teaching Security Education theme and topics in the National Values Classroom	73 (10.1)	60 (8.3)	30 (4.2)	280 (38.9)	277 (38.5)	3.82	1.36
4	The Social Studies teacher preparation programme at both the NCE and undergraduate levels is not full enough to empower the trainees for the realisation of the ideals of Security Education as demanded in the National Values (NV) curriculum.	70 (11.9)	64 (10.3)	26 (3.6)	291 (40.4)	269 (37.4)	2.131	1.273
5	The structures and recommended activities/methodologies that are embedded in the training materials of Social Studies teachers are either inadequate for or lacking effective skills and background knowledge required for handling Security Education in NV Curriculum.	76 (10.6)	82 (11.4)	33 (4.6)	417 (58.0)	112 (15.6)	2.434	1.190
6	The handling of Security Education topics by a Social Studies teacher requires background training in the field, which they presently lack.	60 (8.3)	42 (5.8)	21 (2.9)	499 (69.3)	98 (13.6)	2.26	1.04
7	Effective teaching of Security Education by Social Studies teacher who	46 (6.4)	17 (2.4)	16	387 (53.8)	254 (35.3)	1.908	1.02

	has not been properly groomed in that sensitive area of study is a difficult goal to attain.							
		893	817	171	2034	1123	3.15	1.272

H03: Practicing Junior Secondary Social Studies teachers are not significantly competent to teach each of the topics suggested under the theme- Security Education in Religion and National values.

In Table 3, the mean ranged from a mean score of 2.13 (SD=1.35) to 2.99 (SD=.85). All ten items had mean scores lower than 3.00, indicating that teachers have low competence to teach the suggested topics. Only 9.5% of the practicing teachers expressed a position that they effectively teach the listed ten topics drawn from the Security Education theme contained in National Values.

A percentage that is as high as 52.4% said they cannot teach the topics, although about 35.8% of them still reported that they can manage to teach the same set of topics. The low depth of content enrichment concerning the new focus, which is Security Education, at the Basic Education might have been responsible for this pattern of results.

Table 3. Percentages, Means and Standard Deviations for Junior Secondary Social Studies Teachers' Competence to Teach Selected Security Education Topics

S/N	Items/Statements	Teach well	Manage to	Cannot	Not sure	Mean	SD
1	Emergency management	50 (6.9)	256 (35.6)	403 (56.0)	11 (1.5)	2.479	0.647
2	Strategies for observing and reporting common crime	45 (6.3)	261 (36.3)	379 (52.6)	35 (4.9)	2.438	0.684
3	Common crimes and associated punishment	15 (2.1)	300 (41.6)	395 (54.8)	10 (1.4)	2.446	0.565
4	Crimes and national security	12 (1.7)	282 (39.2)	410 (56.9)	16 (2.2)	2.424	0.565
5	Our roles in promoting safety in our community	14 (1.9)	255 (35.4)	412 (57.2)	14 (1.9)	2.387	0.563
6	Personal security management	24 (3.3)	292 (40.5)	392 (54.4)	12 (1.7)	2.445	0.598
7	Introduction to personal security	21 (2.9)	289 (40.1)	394 (54.7)	16 (2.2)	2.436	0.590
8	Introduction to neighbourhood security	61 (8.5)	272 (37.7)	366 (50.8)	21 (2.9)	2.518	0.691
9	Concept of security	254 (35.3)	211 (29.3)	250 (34.7)	5 (0.7)	2.99	0.852
10	Sources of danger and insecurity	186 (25.8)	147 (20.4)	361 (50.1)	26 (3.6)	2.133	1.347
	Total	682 (9.5)	2565 (35.8)	3762 (52.4)	166 (2.3)	2.56	0.664

HO4 :The practising Junior Secondary Social Studies teachers do not perceive the inclusion of Security Education theme in the new Basic Education Curriculum as an intervention significantly demanding more workload from them.

In Table 4, the mean ranged from 2.37 to 3.69. The overall mean is 3.41 indicating that practising Junior Secondary Social Studies teachers do perceive the inclusion of Security Education theme in the new Basic Education Curriculum as an intervention significantly demanding more workload from them. An item-by item

analysis further showed that 60.7% of the teachers disagreed with the statement that “I don't think I need any library search to effectively handle Security Education theme and topics in National Values (NV) as a Social Studies teacher,” while 66.6% of them disagreed with the statement that “The inclusion of the Security Education theme in the Basic Education NV Curriculum does not demand any extra effort from me in the NV classroom.”

Also, 65.9% of the teachers disagreed with the statement- “The fact that National Values has subsumed the previously autonomous subjects like Social Studies and Civic Education, does not make the teaching of Security Education an extra workload for me.” Over seventy percent (about 72.2%) of the respondents agreed that asking a Social Studies teacher to teach Security Education in the Basic Education NV class is a potential stressor as he/she lacks the required foundation training in Security Education.

Table 4. Junior Secondary Social Studies Teachers' Perception on the Inclusion of Security Education theme in the new Basic Education Curriculum as an Intervention Demanding More Workload

S/N	Items/Statements	SD	D	Not Sure	SA	A	Mean	SD
1.	I don't think I need any library search to effectively handle Security Education theme and topics in NV as a Social Studies teacher.	286 (39.7)	151 (21)	27 (3.8)	144 (20)	112 (15.5)	3.49	1.541
2.	The inclusion of the Security Education theme in the Basic Education NV Curriculum does not demand any extra effort from me in the RNV classroom.	289 (40.1)	162 (22.5)	12 (1.7)	136 (18.9)	123 (17.1)	3.45	1.565
3.	The fact that Religion and National Values has subsumed the previously autonomous subjects like Social Studies and Civic Education does not make the teaching of Security Education an extra workload for me.	300 (41.7)	174 (24.2)	15 (2.1)	189 (26.3)	42 (5.7)	3.69	1.385
4.	To teach Security Education in NV Classroom, I need extra hours assigned on the school time table	109 (15.1)	99 (13.7)	09 (1.7)	371 (51.3)	132 (18.2)	2.55	1.340
5.	Asking a Social Studies teacher to teach Security Education in the Basic Education NV class is a potential stressor as he/she lacks the required foundation training in Security Education.	92 (12.8)	102 (14.2)	06 (0.8)	377 (52.4)	143 (19.8)	2.47	1.302
6.	Getting the Social Studies teacher to teach all the themes in NV except Islamic Studies and Christian Religious Studies will require developing new assessment procedures and it is an additional responsibility for collating and processing of assessment data.	97 (13.5)	58 (8.1)	13 (1.8)	401 (55.7)	151 (20.9)	2.37	1.273
		1173	746	82	1618	703	3.41	1.33

HO₅:The Practising Junior Secondary Social Studies teachers do not have a significantly high positive attitude towards the inclusion of Security Education theme in the new Basic Education Curriculum.

An attempt to examine some of the patterns of responses in Table 4 revealed that a large percentage of the respondents do not have a significantly high positive attitude that can confirm their readiness to teach Security Education theme in the new Basic Education National Values Curriculum. A percentage as high as 60.7% felt they do not need any extra library search to effectively handle Security Education topics in NV class. Likewise, 62.8% of them felt that the inclusion of Security Education theme in the NV Curriculum does not demand any extra effort from them in their classrooms. This is probably the reason for a low percentage of 28.8% response to the item that tried to elicit from the respondents whether they would need extra hours assigned on the school time table to effectively ensure the integration of Security Education theme.

11. Conclusion and Recommendations

Majority of the respondents expressed the feelings that Social Studies teachers are not prepared enough to teach Security Education in schools. Hence, they were of the opinion that for Social Studies teachers to effectively teach Security Education, they will require special training in order to be efficient in teaching the subject. This is a reflection of the fact that majority of the respondents felt that as Social Studies teacher they cannot teach Security Education content effectively. Furthermore, the inclusion of Security Education in the new Curriculum has posed a serious challenge to practising Social Studies teachers. Again, majority of the practising Social Studies teachers believe that it will be difficult for them to embrace the inclusion of Security education in the curriculum because the workload and the expectation is high and demanding.

According to Azebanwan (2010), and Islam and Salma (2016) since there is no graduate in Security education course yet, the available personnel, that is, Social Studies teachers can not but be seen as belonging to the group that can best fit into the shoe. This however has serious implication for teaching their own subject alongside Security Education, as it will be cumbersome and can pose a serious challenge to practicing Social Studies teachers. The fact that the Social Studies programme and standards are not congruent with the content of Security Education theme makes it quite challenging, particularly when we consider the need for a deliberate teacher re-orientation policy and programme which was never part of the initial implementation plan of the agency charged with curriculum review in Nigeria.

Furthermore, the study revealed that majority of the respondents did not demonstrate a significantly high positive attitude towards the teaching of Security Education theme in their NV Class, and this could have a serious implication for the effective handling of the theme during implementation. This is evident in the demonstration of signs of non-commitment to go extra miles in promoting effective teaching of the theme.

Based on the findings of this study, the following recommendations are suggested as part of the measures that can help promote effective implementation of the revised Basic Education Curriculum and meaningful coverage of all the themes, and Security Education in particular:

- Immediate incorporation of the components of Security Education in the Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE) Minimum Academic Standards for teacher preparation, so that the pre-service teachers can become better equipped for effective delivery of the theme while teaching National Values at the Basic Education level on graduation.
- Social Studies in-service teachers handling Security Education alongside other themes in RNV should be motivated via promotion and other incentives in order to achieve maximum results during implementation.
- Programmes aimed at integrating Security experts into the teaching of Security Education as resource persons at the Basic Education level would need to be explored by the managers of the Education Sector at this level. Such programme should deliberately promote the production of relevant textbooks and instructional materials on the content areas of Security Education theme as prescribed in the NV Curriculum.
- Re-training of practicing Social Studies teachers on the skills for better content acquisition and pedagogy of handling Security Education theme in their respective classrooms, so that they become better equipped to deliver.
- Quality Assurance Officers at the different levels of education management in the country would need to do more in promoting shared vision and ownership of the Security Education theme among Social Studies teachers; and providing them with empirical and inspirational examples that will enhance their understanding and teaching of the theme.

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