

Twitter Thread by Mercy



Mercy

[@AbangMercy](#)



Women are the real election mobilizers, look at the percentage of those who vote during Nigerian elections, the data tells it all. Women do not only mobilize, they ensure these voters go out to cast their ballot. We've got more [@staceyabrams](#) in most Nigerian communities/villages.

Political elites place premium to "market women" votes, I recall how important the "iyaloja" position was/is in Lagos. It is the votes these women pull. When you need mobilizers. You can bank on women but importantly bank on women to also lead in your administration.

Elections show how men dominate politics in Nigeria. Although 47 percent of registered voters are women, according to the electoral commission [@inecnigeria](#), their political representation is limited. That needs to change...

Since 1999, the story behind the elections in Nigeria can be told in numbers and women make up that number, we have continued to observe voter apathy at the ballots but women still show up strong when its time to vote ■. These women go underreported but they've become the force.

I have seen arguments (not data) suggesting women are "told who to vote for by their husbands" not sure if this is a beer parlor statistics but what I know is, these women are the movers and shakers of electoral processes in Nigeria - pay attention to women mobilizers.They showup

It is more painful also because Nigeria has never elected a woman president or state governor,8 women only make up 6 percent of the 469 national parliament members. These mobilizers need to start mobilizing for their constituents too, for a change perhaps.The awareness is needed

Nigeria's population is young, most children born in 1999 have never voted during elections in Nigeria ■■. These women are the ones that have been consistent at not only mobilizing but making sure pple vote, there's an opportunity to pitch that demography to those who mobilize.

In every election circle, there's advocacy around voter education across the political zones in Nigeria ■■- perhaps, women mobilizers shouldn't only be reached out to in the market/ religious centers, these women need to be allowed to lead the countrywide advocacy to end apathy?

That you registered to vote during an election isn't so much my concern tbh, did you vote? Women turnout, women always show up to vote amidst the threats . Women show up strong, they need to start showing up not only for their constituents but lead the voter education drive...

Finally, you can take the words of a loyal woman to the bank because she will not trade with it, when she's with you, she's with you to the end - this is also what most men have known. Deep down, the politicians (mostly men) rely on these women to shake things (get real votes).