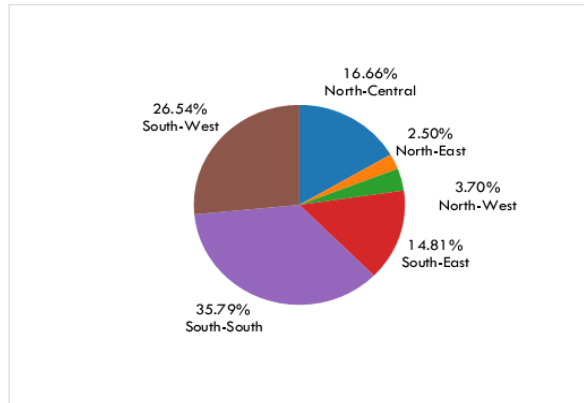
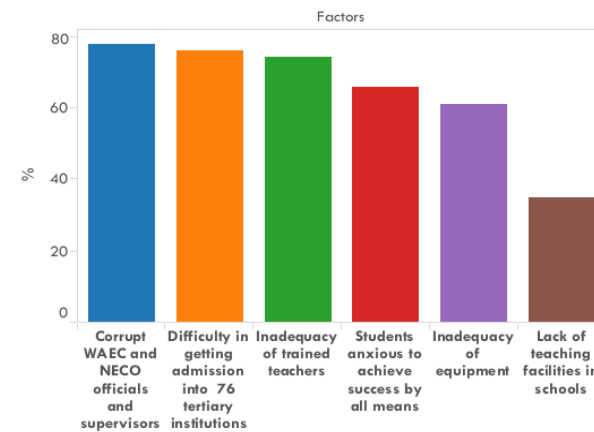


Examination Malpractices

Share of Schools involved in exam malpractices - 2007

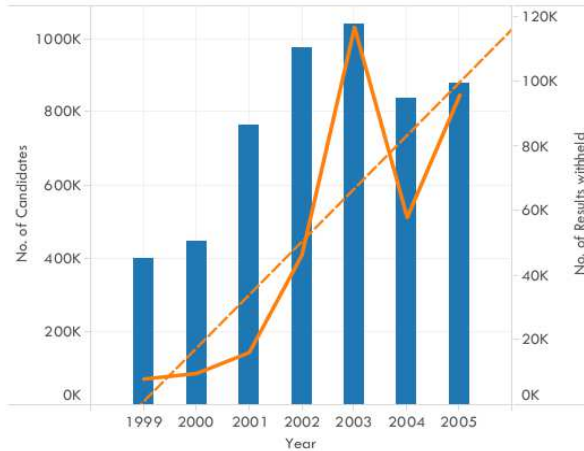


Causes of Exam Malpractices

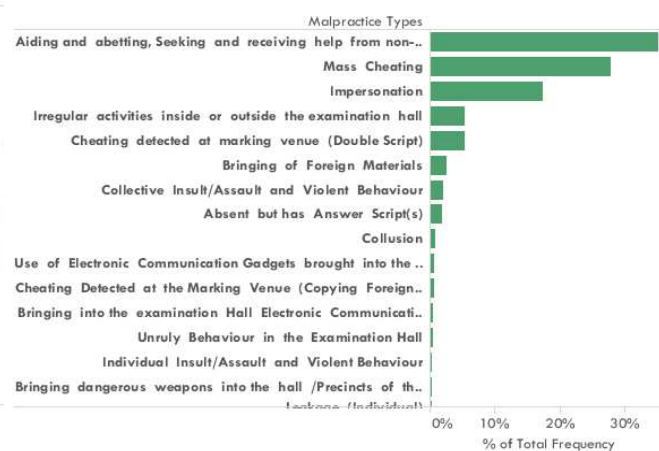


Every geo-political zone in Nigeria is involved in it albeit at different scales. Topping the list of those who pass examination by cheating are the candidates of the Niger-Delta area. They are closely followed by those in the South-West. North-West and North-East are actually the lowest in this despicable culture. Anyway this is based on data compiled by Week End Times (17th & 18th February, 2007, p. 4). We have every reason to believe that this distribution will not be substantially different in other years.

JAMB Reported Cases of Examination Malpractice, 1999-2005



Types of Exam Malpractices



Data on the number of results withheld by JAMB between 1999 and 2005 on account of malpractices are presented in the chart on the bottom left corner. The bars are the numbers of candidates for the exam in each year. The line plot shows the corresponding number of results withheld due to malpractice. But the trend line actually tells the story more vividly: an ever rising withholding of results due to malpractices. Why? How did we get ourselves in this mess?

A study by Rev. Sr. Idahosa titled "Perceived causes of malpractice in public Examinations by fresh students of St. Augustine's College of education, Akoka, Lagos" gives us an idea of some of the sources of the problem. On top of the list poignantly the WAEC and NECO officials as well as the examination supervisors: dogs that eat the bones put on their necks