

# Social media propelled ethnocentric disinformation and propaganda during the Nigerian elections | Global Voices

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Nigeria went to the polls to elect a new president and a national parliament on February 23, 2019. With two main [contenders](#) vying for the presidency, incumbent President Muhammadu Buhari obtained 15 million votes and triumphed over his closest rival, Atiku Abubakar, by a “[margin](#) of 56 percent to 41 percent.” Buhari was sworn-in for a second term of four years on May 29, 2019.

However, the election campaign was fought on different fronts, including social media. There was widespread dissemination of ethnic hate speech at the service of disinformation and propaganda online, particularly on Twitter.

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