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Socio-Economic/Historic Background

[Image: Car loaded with goods in a market]

[Image: Map of Nigeria showing locations such as Kano, Maiduguri, and Jos]

[Image: Group of people sitting in a classroom]

[Image: Map of Sokoto and Kanem-Bornu regions]
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Media Representation

- Sensationalism

- Nigeria = BH=Bomb (Govts of U.S, Canada, UK, Germany, Taiwan, NYU grad students)

- Northern Nigeria = BH+Bomb+Extremism
Visual Representation
Soup Talk

- Without denying the negatives/violence, this paper argues that without media sensations and subjectivity, BH challenges the politico-economic hegemony and religious statusquo.

- Sensationalizing lexical, semantic/syntactic headlines to create ideologies and associations.

- Accumulated media power through inclusion/exclusion, facilitating social ideologies through relatively large scale homogenous material. (Fairclough, (1989))
Boko Haram: FG may engage US Marine
at Saturday, January 28, 2012

a) Strong indications Federal Government might enlist international intelligence experts to arrest the raging Boko Haram insurgency in the country.

FG was considering the engagement of United States troops, grounded in asymmetric warfare. (http://www.nigerianeye.com/2012/01/boko-haram-fg-may-engage-us-marine.html)
b) Members of Boko Haram...received training from groups affiliated to al-Qaeda in Afghanistan. ... the State Security Service (SSS) confirmed that the suicide bomber had a link with al-Qaeda. (http://www.nigerianeye.com/2011/09/boko-haram-trained-in-algeria.html)
Who are The Boko Haram Islamists?

at Monday, November 26, 2012

• c) Militant Islamist group Boko Haram – is fighting to overthrow the government and create an Islamic state. (http://www.nigerianeye.com/2012/11/who-are-boko-haram-islamists.html)
Impact of Media Representation of BH

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DON'T TURN
OUR BELOVED COUNTRY TO A TERRORIST STATE
Boko Haram makes Arsenal scrap visit to Nigeria
at Monday, April 01, 2013

Arsene Wenger: scared by Boko Haram

ARSENAI have revealed reasons they scrapped plans to play a friendly in July.

Boko Haram 'Trained in Algeria, Afghanistan'
at Friday, September 02, 2011

Members of Boko Haram have received training from groups affiliated to al-Qaeda in Afghanistan and Algeria, according to a recent internal Nigerian intelligence report quoted by a United States’ newspaper, The Wall Street Journal (WSJ), yesterday.

And in Abuja, also yesterday, the State Security Service (SSS) finally spoke about the week’s United Nations House bombing and confirmed the attack was from Boko Haram.

The Monday Kano bombing: What will Ndi Igbo do?
at Tuesday, March 26, 2013

NIGERIANS woke up on Monday 19th March 2013, to the explosion of five luxurious buses by Boko Haram at Sabo-Ngari area in Kano City, killing over 100 persons and maiming several others, mostly Ndi Igbo.

Expectedly, government officials issued their statements denouncing the act as usual, some pleaded for non-reprisal attacks, others want amnesty for Boko Haram. The truth is they want us to believe that Boko Haram has no heart. The extent of chiều in this country is frightening.