

ABSTRACT

The rationale of this research project is to look at the degree to which the power and autonomy of post-colonial states, particularly in the Caribbean states are being eroded. Accordingly, concepts such as legitimization, accountability, representation and governance are explored to determine whether there is a crisis and if so, the extent to which it can be observed as a crisis.

The methods employed in soliciting the information involve both qualitative and quantitative analysis, which involves both primary and secondary sources. The project revealed some overwhelming realities that if not checked could lead to devastating conditions, which imply serious implications both regionally and internationally.

The significance of the result suggests that if political and economic development is not balanced then anarchy will emerge eradicating all the efforts of our forefathers. It is therefore imperative that our elected officials are made to understand the importance of serving the needs of the society and not the elite class only. Consequently, it requires a high degree of accountability, responsiveness and overall good governance.