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**COMPARISONS AND CONTRASTS BETWEEN HIGHER
EDUCATION IN UKRAINE AND NIGERIA**

The famous biblical quote on wisdom says, “How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver”. This quote can be directly applied to the priceless need for acquiring knowledge and information. Although silver and gold are valuable, it does not last for long. It will eventually fade away but the knowledge a man possesses stays with him wherever he goes and can be applied either in obvious or inconspicuous situations.

The need for knowledge cannot be over-emphasized. A prominent way to attain these is through education. The higher a man goes the higher he needs to develop in his thinking and perspective as new heights require new prospects to solve problems, thus building you to be an all-rounder in every ramification of life. Higher education such as universities, colleges, academies, and vocational workshops are all diverse ways of getting all kinds of information but more emphasis will be laid on universities and how it is a major contribution to the world and people at large.

A major advantage of studying in Ukraine is the cost of tuition. The majority of the universities in this country is very affordable for foreign students who desire to study in the country. For those that may have lost hope of ever having a higher education for many reasons, Ukraine has been a saving grace

and a shoulder to lean on. It restores the ambition to achieve our lifelong dreams and be of great value to ourselves and society. A well-tutored mind can think outside of the box, provide tactics on how to solve tough and difficult questions. In this world right now, there is great demand for one that can bring lasting solutions to the table over the global problems, and make the world better and safer for us all. In comparison to this, Nigeria has public universities and private universities to accommodate the social stratification and statuses of people in the country. So all can have access to the same level of education without feeling left out. That is a very good method of integrating all works of life. In this way, the two countries have been able to assist students to reach the height and level they desire and be an important asset to not only these countries but also other countries.

English is the most widely spoken language in the world and the majority of people can either speak the language or are learning how to be fluent in this language. There are other sub-languages spoken but because it is not that simple to offer all courses in each of the languages, it is advisable to learn English as a universal language to combat the difficulty. Ukraine is a country that has a monolingual system of communication and thus it has only one language for imparting, conveying, and transmitting information which is the Ukrainian language. Ukraine has become more popular than it was in the last years and it has attracted more international students to travel to Ukraine for study. A major struggle is coping with the language, as it is hard to stay in a country where you cannot understand each other and one another. Some universities can teach courses of any kind in English but they are not too common. The ones that offer this can have higher tuition than the ones that have little or none at all. It can then result in students going for the one that is more affordable and easy to cope with. This option is not always comfortable and easy to learn a course in another language as it adds pressure and time to study the materials. In contrast, Nigeria proffers all types of courses in English making it easier to study there without the thought of learning it in a different language. In this aspect, Ukraine should

adopt this system of measures to make learning effective, of good quality, and a higher standard that can enlist her at the top in global civilization.

In addition, scholarships are another great way of offering higher education to many. Competitions should be conducted at various educational levels to assist students in terms of financial needs. In Nigeria, scholarships are given by the federal government as a reward to exceptional scholars to encourage them to keep up the good work. It has aided a large number of people in reaching and having the best education. These scholarships can either be in an academic form such as direct monetary support, full-fledged tuition-free, half tuition-free, or nonacademic which is based on interests and hobbies to ensure that all can have the opportunity to participate in their area of skill and win a chance to aspire in various career fields. On the other hand, Ukraine's system of higher education does not engage in these practices, scholarships are seldom organized by the government. This can increase the rate of people who are uneducated because there are no means of reaching them. Many have unique aspirations and look forward to gradually accomplishing them but when the means are not easily accessible to them they look at the alternative of working for a year or more putting their education on hold. Ukraine's adoption of this approach of conducting scholarships can eliminate this barrier and give a sense of hope to fresh undergraduates and to as many that received a half education. This bestows honor, prestige, and respect among their contemporaries.

Presently, education is taking place online through a platform called Zoom. This connects us virtually together making it possible to learn even without visually seeing one another. Ukraine is developing in that regard, higher education still runs on reducing the impact of not attaining physical learning in classrooms and lecture halls. Professors and lecturers check the progress of the students through class suggestions and home tasks from time to time. An advantage of this is, it enables students to complete their programs faster and heads to the next stage. Nigeria should embrace this method of learning because we do not make use of online platforms through which lessons can be conducted

virtually and this stops learning. During these periods of distant learning, few students learn with online materials because of the lack of use of technology as part of our study resources. The majority are not enlightened enough to know how to conduct the classes and also connect correctly. The unstable network in the country is a contributing factor to the decrease in the eagerness to further improve one's knowledge capacity. Nigeria can put an end to the delay and lengthening of course programs offered by creating awareness through seminars and conferences on how to effectively use these readily available resources to improve the quality of education.

In conclusion, acquiring higher education in universities is very essential and vital for self-growth and development. Therefore it is advisable to go for the best. Ukraine and Nigeria are countries that have developed over the years in many aspects but there is room for more improvement till every area is covered and taken care of. Some of the measures for solutions mentioned will greatly boost not only the value of the education offered but also lead to an increase in multi nationalities and building a good name as a country among its peers in global transformation.

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