



INFLUENCE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND SOCIAL JUSTICES EDUCATION IN KOGI STATE, NIGERIA

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Abstract

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) is increasingly shaping various sectors, including community engagement, international relations, and social justice education in Kogi State, Nigeria. This study examines the influence of AI on these three interconnected areas, emphasizing its potential to enhance public participation, foster diplomatic ties, and promote social equity in education. Despite the global discourse on AI's benefits, there is a notable lack of empirical research focused on its specific impacts within the Nigerian context, particularly at the state level. In Kogi State, the adoption of AI technologies remains underexplored, with limited data on their application in promoting inclusive governance and educational equity. The study uses a descriptive survey research design to gather insights from a diverse population, including individuals from the education sector, public service, and civil society organizations. Findings indicate a moderate positive relationship between AI utilization and community engagement, suggesting that AI tools can facilitate improved communication and civic participation. Additionally, the results demonstrate a significant relationship between AI and international relations, highlighting AI's role in enhancing diplomatic interactions and fostering global partnerships. The research also reveals a low to moderate positive relationship between AI and social justice education, indicating that while AI can support equitable educational practices, its impact is less pronounced compared to the other areas. These findings underscore the need for strategic investments in AI infrastructure and capacity building to maximize AI's potential for social good in Kogi State. Addressing the existing research gap, this study provides valuable insights into the localized implications of AI, contributing to the broader discourse on technology's role in fostering equitable development.

Keywords: Artificial intelligence, community engagement, international relations, social justice education and technology integration.

Introduction

The rapid evolution of artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming nearly every sector of society, from health care and finance to education and governance. As AI technologies continue to reshape the global landscape, also present new opportunities and challenges for community development, diplomacy, and the promotion of equity. In Nigeria, particularly in Kogi State, the integration of AI into societal frameworks is still at a developmental stage, raising important questions about its impact on public engagement, international relations, and social justice education (Ibrahim & Ahmed, 2020). Community engagement is vital for fostering participatory governance, promoting development, and

enhancing trust between citizens and institutions. In this context, AI-powered platforms and tools can play a pivotal role in improving communication, facilitating service delivery, and encouraging civic participation (Eze, 2021). However, the extent to which these technologies have been utilized for community engagement in Kogi State remains largely unexplored. Understanding this influence is essential for optimizing AI's potential to bridge gaps in public involvement (Agboola, 2021).

Similarly, international relations have become increasingly digital, with AI facilitating diplomatic communication, cultural exchange, and global policymaking. Nations now utilize AI for data analysis, diplomatic forecasting, and



monitoring international trends (Ibekwe & Uzochukwu, 2023). For a state like Kogi, which operates within Nigeria's broader foreign policy framework, AI may present new avenues for regional cooperation and international partnerships. Yet, the current level of integration and influence of AI on international relations in the state has not been clearly documented. Adekunle and Bello (2020) noted that social justice education aims to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to recognize and combat social inequalities. AI offers both opportunities and threats in this realm it can democratize access to educational resources, but may also reinforce existing biases if not properly regulated (Onwuegbuzie & Nwachukwu, 2022). In the context of Kogi State, where access to quality education and equity is an ongoing concern, examining how AI is being deployed for social justice education is particularly important (Aluko, 2020).

Despite the global discourse on AI's societal implications, little empirical research has been conducted within the Nigerian context, especially at the state level. Kogi State serves as a microcosm for understanding how emerging technologies influence governance and education in developing regions (Adetunji & Oladejo, 2023). The potential benefits of AI in these domains are significant, but without localized studies, policies and practices may remain ineffective or misaligned with community needs. There is a clear gap in the literature regarding how AI specifically affects community engagement, international relations, and social justice education in sub-national regions like Kogi State. Most existing studies focus on national or international trends, leaving a void in context-specific insights (Idris & Kalu, 2022). This study aims to address this gap by providing empirical evidence from Kogi State. Moreover, the unique political, cultural, and socio-economic conditions in Kogi State offer a rich setting for examining how AI technologies are received and applied. The state's diverse population and developing infrastructure may influence the adoption and effectiveness of AI in ways not seen in other parts of the country or continent. A focused study can provide valuable insights into local perceptions, challenges, and innovations related to AI implementation (Okafor & Emeka, 2020).

This study seeks to critically examine the influence of artificial intelligence on three interrelated yet distinct areas: community engagement, international relations, and social justice education in Kogi State, Nigeria. By doing so, it contributes to the growing body of knowledge on AI in African contexts, informs local and national policy, and supports the responsible deployment of technology for equitable development.

Statement of the Problem

Artificial intelligence (AI) is increasingly shaping how societies function, yet its integration and influence remain uneven across different regions, particularly in developing areas like Kogi State, Nigeria. Globally, AI-driven technologies have enhanced community engagement, improved government transparency, and facilitated

international cooperation. According to a 2023 report by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), over 60% of governments in developed nations use AI tools for public service delivery and diplomatic communication. In contrast, in Nigeria, the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) reports that only about 15% of public sector institutions have begun incorporating AI in operational frameworks, and this figure is even lower at the state level, especially in North-Central Nigeria, where Kogi is located.

In Kogi State, there is limited data on the role of AI in promoting inclusive education, community development, or diplomatic outreach. Despite increasing access to digital infrastructure, a 2022 survey by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) indicates that only 22% of Kogi's population has access to reliable internet, and just 8% have used AI-powered platforms in any capacity. Furthermore, only a handful of civil society organizations and educational institutions in the state have integrated AI into their programs. This raises concerns about missed opportunities in using AI to foster civic engagement, advance social justice education, and connect with global partners, especially in an era where digital tools can help address inequality and underdevelopment.

There is a significant research gap in understanding how AI affects grassroots engagement, international collaboration, and equitable education in regional settings like Kogi State. While national-level studies exist, they do not reflect the localized realities and barriers facing individual states. Without region-specific data and analysis, policymakers and stakeholders risk implementing generic or ineffective strategies. This study addresses this critical gap by empirically investigating the influence of AI on community engagement, international relations, and social justice education in Kogi State, thereby providing a foundation for informed, context-sensitive technological integration.

Purpose of the Study

The purpose of the study is to examine the influence of artificial intelligence (AI) for community engagement, international relations and social justices education in Kogi State, Nigeria. Specifically, the study aim to;

1. Examine the influence of artificial intelligence (AI) on community engagement in Kogi State, Nigeria
2. Examine the influence of artificial intelligence (AI) on international relations in Kogi State, Nigeria
3. Examine the influence of artificial intelligence (AI) on social justices education in Kogi State, Nigeria

Research Questions

1. What is the relationship between artificial intelligence (AI) and community engagement in Kogi State, Nigeria
2. What is the relationship between artificial intelligence (AI) and international relations in Kogi State, Nigeria
3. What is the relationship between artificial intelligence (AI) and social justices education in Kogi State, Nigeria

Methodology

This study adopted a descriptive survey research design, which was deemed appropriate for examining the influence of artificial intelligence (AI) on community engagement, international relations, and social justice education. The survey design allowed for the collection of data from a large number of respondents and enabled the researcher to describe and interpret existing conditions without manipulating any variables. The study was conducted in Kogi State, Nigeria, a region located in the North-Central part of the country. Kogi State was chosen due to its diverse socio-political environment, its growing interest in digital technologies, and its representation of a typical Nigerian sub-national context in terms of education, governance, and infrastructure development. The population of the study consisted of individuals across the education sector, public service, civil society organizations, and technology-based enterprises, estimated at approximately 10,000 people relevant to the study's focus areas.

A sample size of 400 respondents was selected using a multi-stage sampling technique. First, stratified sampling was used to divide the population into key sectors education, government, and civil society. Then, simple random sampling was employed within each stratum to select participants

proportionally. This approach ensured adequate representation across various sectors relevant to AI application in community engagement, international relations, and social justice education. Data were collected using a structured questionnaire developed by the researcher and validated by experts in educational technology and international studies. The questionnaire included both closed-ended and Likert-scale items. A pilot test was conducted on 40 respondents outside the selected sample to test for reliability. Using the Cronbach Alpha method, the instrument yielded a reliability coefficient of 0.86, indicating a high level of internal consistency.

The method of data collection involved direct administration of questionnaires by trained research assistants, ensuring a high response rate and clarification of ambiguities. The collected data were analyzed using Pearson Product Moment Correlation (PPMC) to determine the strength of relationships between AI and the key study variables. All analyses were conducted using the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) version 25.

Results

Research Question One: What is the Relationship between Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Community Engagement in Kogi State, Nigeria?

Table 1: Analysis on the responses of the relationship between Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Community Engagement in Kogi State, Nigeria

Variable	Mean	SD	N	Df	r-cal	P	Remark
Community engagement	16.60	7.23	400	398	.521	.000	Significant
Artificial intelligence (AI)	14.85	5.36					

The analysis presented in Table 1 examined the relationship between Artificial Intelligence (AI) and community engagement in Kogi State, Nigeria. The findings revealed a mean score of 16.60 with a standard deviation of 7.23 for community engagement, while artificial intelligence had a mean score of 14.85 and a standard deviation of 5.36. These scores suggest that both AI utilization and community engagement among respondents were at moderate levels. Using a sample of 400 respondents, the Pearson Product-Moment Correlation was calculated, yielding a correlation coefficient (r) of 0.521. This indicates a moderate positive relationship between the two variables, meaning that as the use or understanding of AI increases, community engagement also tends to increase. The analysis produced a p-value of 0.000, which is less than the conventional significance level

of 0.05. This result confirms that the relationship is statistically significant and not due to chance.

In practical terms, the findings imply that artificial intelligence plays a meaningful role in enhancing community engagement in Kogi State. The integration of AI tools such as data-driven communication systems, digital platforms for public feedback, and AI-assisted decision-making processes has the potential to improve how communities interact with government and civic institutions. Consequently, increasing awareness and adoption of AI technologies could be a strategic step toward strengthening participatory governance and local development in the state

Research Question Two: What is the Relationship between Artificial Intelligence (AI) and International Relations in Kogi State, Nigeria?

Table 2: Analysis on the responses of the relationship between Artificial intelligence (AI) and International Relations in Kogi State, Nigeria

Variable	Mean	SD	N	Df	r-cal	p	Remark
International Relations	16.96	7.17	400	398	.464	.000	Significant

Artificial intelligence (AI)	14.71	5.89
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The result in Table 2 presents the analysis of the relationship between Artificial Intelligence (AI) and International Relations in Kogi State, Nigeria. The mean score for International Relations was 16.96 with a standard deviation of 7.17, while Artificial Intelligence had a mean score of 14.71 and a standard deviation of 5.89. These values suggest that respondents had a moderate perception of both AI application and international relations activity within the state.

The Pearson correlation coefficient (r -cal) was calculated as 0.464, indicating a moderate positive relationship between AI and international relations. This suggests that as AI usage or awareness increases, the level or quality of international relations activity in Kogi State also improves. Furthermore, the p -value was 0.000, which is less than the 0.05 significance level. This means the relationship is statistically significant and not due to random chance.

The implication of this result is that Artificial Intelligence has a meaningful influence on international relations in Kogi State. AI can enhance international cooperation through improved data sharing, digital diplomacy, global communication platforms, and real-time information analysis. Therefore, the adoption of AI technologies in government institutions and educational bodies within the state may lead to better engagement with international organizations, foreign investors, and global policy networks. This finding underscores the potential of AI to serve as a strategic tool in promoting Kogi State's presence and participation in international affairs.

Research Question Three: What is the Relationship between Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Social Justices Education in Kogi State, Nigeria?

Table 3: Analysis on the responses of the relationship between Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Social Justices Education in Kogi State Nigeria

Variable	Mean	SD	N	Df	r-cal	p	Remark
Social Justices Education	14.86	5.94	400	398	.373	.000	Significant
Artificial intelligence (AI)	14.15	5.08					

Table 3 presents the statistical analysis of the relationship between Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Social Justice Education in Kogi State, Nigeria. The mean score for Social Justice Education was 14.86 with a standard deviation of 5.94, while the mean score for Artificial Intelligence was 14.15 with a standard deviation of 5.08. These values suggest that the respondents demonstrated a moderate level of awareness and involvement in both AI use and social justice education initiatives.

The Pearson correlation coefficient (r -cal) was found to be 0.373, which indicates a low to moderate positive relationship between AI and social justice education. This means that an increase in the application or understanding of AI is associated with a corresponding improvement in social justice education efforts in the state. Additionally, the p -value of 0.000 is statistically significant, as it is below the conventional 0.05 threshold. This confirms that the relationship is not due to chance and is meaningful within the context of the study.

The implication of this finding is that Artificial Intelligence can play a supportive role in promoting social justice education in Kogi State. AI tools can help identify systemic inequalities, personalize educational content for marginalized groups, and enhance access to inclusive learning materials. While the relationship is not as strong as in the other research areas, it is still significant, suggesting that stakeholders in education and policy should consider integrating AI to support equity-driven learning initiatives. This could foster a more socially just educational environment by addressing barriers such as access, bias, and unequal opportunity.

Findings

1. The study found a moderate positive and significant relationship ($r = 0.521$, $p = 0.000$) between Artificial Intelligence and community engagement in Kogi State. This implies that increased AI usage is linked to greater community involvement and participation.
2. A moderate positive and statistically significant relationship ($r = 0.464$, $p = 0.000$) was observed between AI and international relations. This suggests that AI contributes to enhancing diplomatic ties and global collaboration in Kogi State.
3. There was a low to moderate positive and significant relationship ($r = 0.373$, $p = 0.000$) between AI and social justice education. This indicates that AI supports equity-focused education, though the impact is comparatively less pronounced.

Discussion of Findings

Based on research question one the findings indicates that there is significant relationship between artificial intelligence (AI) and community engagement in Kogi State, Nigeria which is in line with Osagie and Afolayan (2024) findings noted that AI in public services across Africa found that AI-powered platforms improve citizen engagement through automated feedback systems, smart service delivery, and real-time data analysis. In Nigeria, platforms like *BudgIT* use AI-driven tools to inform citizens on government spending, increasing public participation. These tools enhance transparency and empower communities to hold officials accountable, aligning

with the study's finding of a significant AI-community engagement relationship in Kogi State. Also Ibekwe and Uzochukwu (2023) reported that AI tools have enhanced local governance and citizen participation in several African countries through chatbots, data dashboards, and virtual town halls. In Kenya, AI-driven SMS platforms have enabled local governments to gather community feedback efficiently. Such examples validate the potential of AI to drive inclusive community engagement, supporting your study's findings in the Kogi State context.

Based on research question two the findings indicates that there is significant relationship between artificial intelligence (AI) and international relations in Kogi State, Nigeria which is in line with Nwosu and Chima (2021) findings shows that AI is increasingly used by governments to shape foreign policy, anticipate diplomatic trends, and support international negotiations through predictive analytics. Nigeria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has begun exploring digital diplomacy, including the use of AI in tracking global sentiment and managing international information flows. This supports the observed positive relationship in the study between AI and international relations in Kogi State, indicating local-level potential in global affairs. Also Obasi and Ekwueme (2023) highlighted how sub-national actors, including cities and states, are using AI to connect with global networks, share innovation, and participate in digital diplomacy. For example, Rwanda's use of AI in international health collaborations shows how localized AI strategies influence foreign relations. This finding affirms the relevance of AI for strengthening international linkages, as observed in the study of Kogi State.

Based on research question three the findings indicates that there is significant relationship between artificial intelligence (AI) and social justices education in Kogi State, Nigeria which is in line with Akinola and Eze (2024) showed that AI systems can be designed to identify educational disparities and deliver personalized learning for underserved populations. EdTech platforms like *Ulesson* and *PrepClass* in Nigeria are incorporating AI to provide inclusive learning resources. These innovations enhance access for marginalized learners, echoing the study's finding of a significant link between AI and social justice education in Kogi State. Also Alabi and Yusuf (2022) found that AI-integrated education platforms help reduce systemic biases by customizing content to learners' needs and providing real-time support, especially for disadvantaged students. In South Africa, AI-based tools have been used to address learning inequalities in under-resourced schools. This mirrors the finding that AI contributes to advancing social justice education in Kogi State, Nigeria.

Conclusion

The findings of this study clearly demonstrate that artificial intelligence (AI) has a significant and positive relationship with community engagement in Kogi State, Nigeria. This suggests that the adoption and integration of AI technologies can enhance citizen participation, improve communication channels, and foster stronger collaboration between communities and governing bodies. As AI continues to

evolve, it offers promising tools to empower residents and promote more inclusive and responsive governance in the region. Furthermore, the study established a significant relationship between AI and international relations in Kogi State. This indicates that AI plays an important role in strengthening the state's connections with international partners through improved data management, diplomatic communications, and engagement with global networks. These insights highlight the potential of AI to support Kogi State's efforts to participate more actively and effectively in international affairs, which could lead to increased opportunities for collaboration, investment, and development.

The significant relationship found between AI and social justice education underscores the potential of AI-driven technologies to promote equity and inclusivity in educational settings. Facilitating access to quality learning resources and personalized educational experiences, AI can help address systemic inequalities and empower marginalized groups in Kogi State. Taken together, these findings underscore the transformative role of AI across multiple sectors and provide a strong foundation for policymakers and stakeholders to invest in AI initiatives that drive social, educational, and diplomatic progress.

Recommendations

1. Kogi State government and relevant stakeholders should invest in improving AI infrastructure and digital platforms that facilitate citizen participation and communication. By deploying AI-powered tools such as chatbots, mobile apps, and data analytics, local authorities can increase transparency, encourage public feedback, and strengthen community involvement in governance processes.
2. Policymakers in Kogi State should prioritize the integration of AI technologies in the state's diplomatic and international cooperation efforts. This could include AI-driven data analysis for foreign policy decisions, digital diplomacy platforms, and virtual collaboration tools to foster stronger ties with international partners, attract foreign investment, and promote global partnerships.
3. Educational institutions and government agencies in Kogi State should adopt AI-based educational technologies to support social justice education. This includes implementing personalized learning systems, AI-powered resource allocation, and tools that address educational inequalities. Such initiatives will help ensure that marginalized groups have equitable access to quality education and opportunities for empowerment.

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