

## Ethiopia, Tigray or Eritrea (ETE): on Leadership and Referendum

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In this article, I will neither attempt to demarcate nor attempt to explain the entities of the regions of ETE. The purpose of this article is to pinpoint the concepts, theories and/or applications that led to the confusion or enlighten towards the association/disassociation of core values of **leadership and referendum**.

In my previous article on ETE dated on 6/15/16, I explained briefly how the concepts of Independence, Colonialism and Imperialism were preached/practiced by the leaders of EPRP, TPLF and EPLF. See this article posted at [www.Assimba.org](http://www.Assimba.org)

To reiterate that article, Independence of Ethiopia was a non-issue for EPRP. Ethiopia and Independence are interchangeable concepts. We don't have a word for Independence be it in Amharic or in Tigrigna. Perhaps we may equate it with -ism or ideo-logy coupled with utopian. Why is that? One may ask. Here is a partial answer.

- According to Science or Evolutionary theories, humans were either created or evolved in Ethiopia
- Explorers and authors such as James Bruce and Samuel Johnson claimed/asserted that the Blue Nile is the Garden of Eden.
- The Bible repeatedly refers to Ethiopians as God's people
- The Ethiopian Philosophy is unique in a way that Man/Nature/God coexist in one and in many E Pluribus Unum (out of many one)
- It is the testimony of this writer that Ethiopia is BALANCED in many ways i.e. D-W-Q (dega-weina-quola climatic zones)

So for those reasons and others, the collective leaders of EPRP were not seeking Independence for Ethiopia rather they aspired the continuity of Independent Ethiopia. In order to hold onto Ethiopianism, EPRP had to replace the Ethiopian leadership of the Monarchy, the Aristocracy and the Clergy by political parties. So far they have succeeded in the sense that all Ethiopians would be ruled by political parties. Political parties though can only flourish if adhered to the rules of freedom and liberty. For this to take place, the leaders of EPRP along with their members and supporters have adopted a GE'EZ word "DEMOCRACIA." This means that in EPRP's political organization, there are no permanent leaders, but only permanent followers. The followers are the leaders themselves for they will be the real voters. EPRP's perpetual struggle is to allow all Ethiopians to be voted in or voted out.

What about the TPLF leaders? The leaders of TPLF hoodwinked the people of Tigray to accept a theory of colonialism. This theory was solely based on the history of kings in the 1800. It had nothing to do with Ethiopians/Ethiopianism. Even further, the leaders of TPLF extended their theory to the cause of Eritrea's referendum for independence.

The concept of Colonialism in relation to Ethiopia and Eritrea, the TPLF leaders knowingly or unwillingly distorted the entire concept and theories. Italy had settled Italians in Eritrea and was planning to exploit resources from Ethiopia. That was straight and simple definition of Italian Colonialism.

What is worst is the fact that they themselves have become colonialists. The leaders of TPLF have settled Tigrians and possibly some Eritreans in what they call the remaining Ethiopia and are attempting to pillage resources. What an anomaly of leadership!!!

First, they have to define or identify who they are in terms of philosophy or ideology, then they can proceed for passport or visa (citizenship). The presence of Axum's obelisks in their region do not warrant them that they are Ethiopians. They have to conduct a Referendum to secede from Ethiopia but not the way they did it with Eritrean Referendum. That was a total disaster.

What about the Eritrean leaders claiming that they are fighting against Imperialism, particularly American one. How do they know about Imperialism if they did not grasp Colonialism in the first place? The leaders of EPLF hoodwinked the Eritrean populace that Ethiopia was a Colonialist country. They never attempt to tell Eritreans that they were part of Ethiopia not in terms of territories but philosophically, ideologically or for that matter pictographically.

Imperialism is the influence or to subject pressure on others. The irony is that the EPLF leaders had acted and are still acting as imperialist themselves. It is not only reported by others, it is also a story told and retold by Eritreans themselves that they maneuver the leaders of TPLF, OLF, all other liberation fronts. It is a testimony that Ghibot 7 from Ethiopia, Demhit from Tigrai and Arbegnot from Amhara are recent recreations/reorganizations by EFDJ/EPLF. What an irony and a shame in the 21 century!!!

The Colonial conceptual damage imposed by the TPLF leaders, the theoretical mistakes on Imperialism perpetuated by the leaders of EPLF and the correct stand on the interpretation of Independence by the members of EPRP cannot be undone. It is only fitting to seek and search how and when to conduct a real Referendum.

The number 13 has done its job in revealing E Pluribus Unum – the motto of America. Now it is time to follow the British Referendum of 23. Now I am ready for a Referendum to be an EAE in Toto or be a citizen of one country i.e. Ethiopian, American or Eritrean. I have told you about mine. Tell me more of your choice? Can we have a Referendum for Eritrea? It is just a question mark?

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