

Critiquing the Question of the Model of Governance in the Novels of Chinua Achebe

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The novels of Chinua Achebe appear to be critiquing the question of suitable model of government. *Things Fall Apart* and *Arrow of God* present before us the traditional model of governance while *A Man of the People* and *Anthills of the Savannah* capture democracy and military rule as the model of governance. In this paper, I examine all the projected models of governance in order to assess their success or failure. This critical enquiry becomes even more meaningful against the background of the political history of Nigeria in the postindependence era.