

**BOOK REVIEW****Title: World on Fire: How Exporting Free Market Democracy Breeds Ethnic Hatred and Global Instability****Author:** AMY Chua**Publisher:** William Heinemann, UK.**Page:** 346**Parts:** Three Parts of Twelve chapters and an Introduction, Afterword, Notes and Index**Year:** 2003**ISBN NO:** 9780099455042**Reviewer:** Livinus Nwaugh, Department of Political Science and International, Caleb University, Imota, Lagos

Amy Chua 'World on fire: How Exporting Free Market Democracy Breeds Ethnic Hatred and Global Instability' made up of three parts of twelve chapters with an introduction, afterword, notes and index published by William Heinemann, UK in 2003. It is an exposition of minority ethnic group exploitation and domination which accentuates hatred, envy, assassination and murder as the signpost of globalization and free market economy blossoms and shapes asymmetrical relations and development amongst groups vis-à-vis minority-majority dominance(P:163).

Humanity's history is interjected with proportional challenges, and these multilayer of challenges propels, catapult, and distort development, and interactions, as well as cooperation amongst different ethnic groups in varied dimension; economic, social, cultural and political, as it manifests in rivalries, competition, accusations, sanction and wars (P23).

The perversity of minority ethnic group dominance has become a trendy phenomenon in all regions from Israeli occupation of Palestine territory, Rwanda Hutu- Tutsi rivalry, minority white occupation in Zimbabwe, White minority in South Africa, IMF and World Bank represented by US and allies of less than 25% of world population dominating the market economy of 75% of the world population. Also, the Filipino-Chinese domination in Philippine and India (P:1& P:171) and relatively few number of Chinese-US conglomerates in Africa, and Ibo dominance in commerce and industry in Nigeria, and the concomitant hatred, attacks, murder and blackmail in several fount as globalization and free market economy place immense wealth in the hands of minority ethnic groups(P:9). While democracy continue to raise the awareness of the majority ethnic groups on the contradictions inherent in globalization and free market economy(P:164), liberalization, privatization and globalization, the tripod of free market economy advances core interest of ethnic dominance minority group from commerce, industry and economics(P:76)

Currently the backlash is between globalization and free market economy which ambushed democracy as globalization and free market do not always recognize equity and fairness since it is the survival of the fittest (P:170).

As this trend oscillates or accelerates, the majority ethnic groups face persistent balkanization and annihilation from the worthy dominant minority ethnic groups in economic, social and political, thereby breeding altercations which have continued to shape

relations globally. As the altercations persist, as it would always be, the development of the majority ethnic groups stagnate resignation, stagnation and anger accentuates conflicts (P: 165).

Despite the pitfalls of globalization and free market economy, global wealth has been advanced through globalization and free market (P: 13). However, it is argued that conflict is not only the handmaid of globalization and free market but conflict and wars, have been fought even before the full blown of globalization and free market in latter part of 19<sup>th</sup> century

Statistically the global wealth and influence is concentrated disproportionately within the possessions of 25% minority ethnic groups (P: 9) and the 75% of world population stagnates (P: 171) as it advances domination, alienation and atomization of majority ethnic groups from power aggregation and, as well let loose the anomic and fragile global system (P: 147).

The book equally chronicles the Author's personal and family encounter within the pigmentation of ethnic dominance minority group with disproportionate wealth and the implosion, envy, hatred and murder the family suffered on that account(P:1).

AMY Chua's work is a presentiment of the gory plight of minority dominance ethnic groups all around the world face. However, few lacuna exist in the work as it did not highlight the recipe of how the majority ethnic group could escape the banal of dehumanizing conditions and to build their financial empire as the minority ethnic groups do except she is arguing that wealth creation and accumulation is only meant for minority ethnic groups no matter how hard the majority group may strives, Nevertheless, the book will be of great relevance to scholars, researchers and policy makers and majority ethnic groups all over the world.