

- The most acclaimed theoretician of British colonial rule was Frederick Lugard, the same man who had waxed enthusiastic about the prospects of commercial empire in East Africa and who went on to govern Britain's largest possession by far in West Africa, Nigeria, for most of the first 3 decades of the 20th century.
- The British role in Nigeria was to bring to the country all the gains of civilization by applied science, with as little interference as possible with Native customs and modes of thought.
- It was the duty of residents to carry out loyally the policy of the governor, and not to inaugurate policies of their own.
- The government and administrative officers along with the residents all would work together as parts of one organization.
- The degree to which a political officer may be called upon to act in an administrative capacity, will thus depend upon the influence and ability of the Native Chiefs in each part of the Province, though in every case he will endeavor to rule through the Native Chiefs.
- The primary duty and object of a political officer will be to educate them in the duties of rulers according to a civilized standard.
- In districts where there is no chief of the first or second grade, a political officer's functions become more largely administrative.
- Experience seems to point, to the conclusion that in a country so fertile as this, direct taxation is a moral benefit to the people by stimulating industry and production.
- Men largely at war have to depend on women's labor and food production and the fertility of the soil.
- It was felt that there is no civilized state in the world where direct taxation wasn't a necessity, so the African communities need it to to be regarded as civilized.
- Taxation was also seen as needed as a source of revenue.
- To abolish slavery prematurely before a better system had been developed to take its place would have been administrative folly but an injustice to the masters since slaves were seen as real property.
- The introduction of a coin currency and the enormous quantity put into circulation by the development of mining and trade had greatly facilitated the employment of paid labor.
- When nearing the village where opposition is expected, the Political officer will send a message ahead informing the people what they are required to do and refrain from doing.
- If there is resistance, the civil officer will request the officer commanding the patrol to advance and occupy the village.
- They would take sufficient livestock and food as a fine for the resistance to entering the country, and they will then try to repeat the ultimatum by promising their future safety.
- In apparent contrast to the British, the French believed in the direct administration of their colonial possessions, that is, ruling without the use of indigenous intermediaries other than the Africans who composed the bulk of their armies.
- The French felt that to make themselves understood they must totally change the Negro mentality because it is not those who lived through the periods of anarchy that will follow them.

- The most urgent task is to check every sign of insubordination or ill-will.
- The principle of authority is meant to subdue all hostile elements, win over the waverers, encourage the masses, collect taxes, and ensure economic and social progress.
- In a country where natives have been guided almost exclusively by instinct, order cannot be secured without provoking misunderstandings and clashes.
- Although the policy is a benevolent one, it does not follow that this should mean exaggerated condescension towards the native or excessive respect for the interests of a few privileged ones, mostly chiefs.
- "The first condition for achieving anything practical and useful in our colony is to establish our authority on unshakeable foundations."
- They felt that except in a few northern districts the Ivory Coast does not have, among its own natives, any subjects capable of even roughly discharging the role of native official, of holding even the slightest fragment of public authority.
- They thought in colonial politics, nothing is more dangerous than a conservative policy because why make firm resolutions is they are to weaken in the face of certain situations.