



# Ethics and Practice in Egyptian Archaeological Excavations and Repatriation: A Mixed Methods Inquiry into African Perspectives

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## Abstract

Egyptian archaeological excavations have long been a source of international controversy regarding ethical considerations in site preservation and repatriation. The study employs both qualitative interviews with local stakeholders and quantitative surveys among a broader sample to comprehensively analyse perceptions and practices surrounding these issues. A significant proportion (60%) of respondents expressed concerns about the authenticity of artifacts found during excavations, highlighting the need for clearer guidelines on artifact preservation and documentation. The findings underscore the necessity for more transparent communication between archaeological teams and local communities to ensure cultural sensitivity and ethical standards are upheld. We recommend the implementation of a standardised protocol for artifact handling and public engagement strategies that emphasise collaboration with indigenous knowledge holders. Egyptian Archaeology, Repatriation Policies, Mixed Methods Study, Ethical Considerations

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