



Youth Identity and Political Participation in Urban Ethiopia: A Policy Analysis

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Abstract

Youth in urban Ethiopia are increasingly engaging in political activities, yet their identity formation processes remain underexplored. The study employed a mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with quantitative surveys among urban youth. Youth who identified strongly with Ethiopian national culture were more likely to participate actively in political processes, indicating a strong correlation between cultural identity and civic engagement. Policy recommendations include fostering inclusive community dialogues that embrace diverse cultural identities to enhance political participation. Promote intergenerational dialogue programmes focusing on shared values and national pride. Encourage the use of digital platforms for youth-led initiatives.

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