



Pan-Africanism in Zambia: A Socio-Political Survey of Challenges and Opportunities in the Early Twenty-first Century

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Abstract

Pan-Africanism in Zambia has been a subject of interest due to its historical roots and contemporary manifestations. The study utilised a mixed-methods approach involving both qualitative interviews and quantitative surveys among Zambians to gather insights into their perceptions of Pan-Africanism. A notable theme emerged regarding the struggle between traditional cultural values and modern Pan-Africanist ideologies, with 60% of respondents expressing concern about losing cultural heritage in favour of a more unified African identity. This research underscores the complexity of Pan-Africanism in Zambia and highlights the need for inclusive policies that respect both local traditions and broader African unity goals. Policy-makers should prioritise dialogue between different ethnic groups to foster understanding and support cross-cultural initiatives, while also promoting educational programmes that highlight Zambian cultural contributions within an African context.

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