Youth Identity and Political Participation in Urban Libya: A Socio-Political Analysis

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Abstract

Urban youth in Libya face significant socio-political challenges that impact their identity formation and political engagement. A mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with focus groups to understand the lived experiences of young people in urban areas. Urban youth exhibit a strong desire for recognition and participation within their communities, particularly through local governance structures. This is evident in 40% of participants who regularly engage in community forums or political gatherings. Young Libyans perceive politics as an avenue to assert their cultural identity and social status, often aligning with traditional values despite broader societal changes. Integrating youth voices into urban governance structures could enhance inclusivity and promote sustainable civic participation. Youth Identity, Political Participation, Urban Africa, Libya

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