



Youth Identity and Political Participation in Ghanaian Urban Settings: A Survey Analysis

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Abstract

Youth identity in urban settings of Ghana has become a focal point for scholars examining contemporary societal dynamics. This study seeks to explore how youth perceptions and identities influence their political engagement. We employed a structured survey design involving face-to-face interviews and online questionnaires. Data were collected from a stratified sample of urban youth across different socio-economic backgrounds. The analysis revealed significant disparities in political participation among youth groups, with those from higher socioeconomic statuses being more engaged politically compared to their lower-status counterparts. This research underscores the importance of addressing social inequalities and fostering inclusive civic education strategies to enhance political engagement across Ghanaian urban youth. Policy-makers should prioritise initiatives that promote equitable access to information, resources, and platforms for participation, especially in underserved communities.

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