



Youth Identity and Political Participation in Guinea-Bissau: A Scholarly Review of "Youth Identity and Political Participation in Urban Africa"

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Abstract

This review focuses on a book that explores how youth identity shapes political participation in urban areas of Guinea-Bissau, a country in West Africa. No specific methodology is outlined or discussed; however, the book uses qualitative research methods typical of studies examining social dynamics among young people. The analysis reveals a significant proportion (35%) of young participants who identified strongly with their ethnic groups, which influences their political choices and participation levels in urban areas. This finding highlights the importance of cultural identity in shaping political involvement. The book contributes to the literature by offering nuanced insights into how youth identities intersect with broader socio-political contexts, particularly focusing on urban settings in Guinea-Bissau. Future research could benefit from incorporating quantitative data alongside qualitative interviews for a more comprehensive understanding of political engagement patterns among young people.

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