



Youth Identity and Political Engagement in Urban Guinea: An Ethnographic Exploration

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Abstract

Youth in urban Guinea are at the forefront of social and political changes in their communities, yet little is known about how they construct their identities and engage politically. Qualitative data collection was employed via extended participant observation and semi-structured interviews. Participant selection focused on diverse socio-economic backgrounds to capture a comprehensive view of the phenomenon. Youth participants articulated complex identities influenced by cultural heritage, educational attainment, and peer influence, with significant gender disparities in political engagement evident. The findings suggest that fostering inclusive youth-led initiatives can enhance political participation and identity formation among urban Guinea's young population. Policy makers should consider developing programmes that address the specific needs of diverse youth groups to promote active citizenship and community development. Youth Identity, Political Engagement, Urban Africa, Guinea, Ethnography

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