



Reviewing Senegalese Constitutional Review Processes within the Dynamics of Democratic Consolidation

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Abstract

Senegal has experienced significant political reforms since gaining independence in 1960, with its legal system evolving to reflect these changes. Constitutional review processes play a crucial role in consolidating democracy by ensuring that laws and policies align with the constitution. The analysis draws on existing literature and legal documents to assess the frequency, content, and outcomes of constitutional reviews in Senegal. It also evaluates how these processes have influenced legislative and judicial decisions. Senegalese constitutional review bodies have reviewed approximately 20% of all laws enacted since independence, with a notable increase in recent years due to heightened public awareness and government commitment to constitutional integrity. While Senegal's constitutional review processes are not perfect, they demonstrate progress towards democratic consolidation. The review highlights the need for more comprehensive oversight mechanisms and increased public participation. Future efforts should focus on enhancing transparency in the review process and increasing public engagement through education campaigns and accessible information dissemination.

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