



The Historical Foundations of Governance Challenges in Ghana: A Qualitative Inquiry into Contemporary Struggles

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Abstract

Historical governance challenges in Ghana have been shaped by colonial legacies and post-colonial political dynamics. The study employs a qualitative inquiry approach, utilising archival research and semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders including judges, lawyers, and community leaders to uncover the roots of current governance issues. Key findings indicate that entrenched structural inequalities persist, particularly in judicial systems where corruption undermines the principle of independence. Community engagement efforts are fragmented, reflecting historical divisions that continue to influence modern dispute resolution practices. The analysis reveals a complex interplay between historical and contemporary governance challenges, necessitating comprehensive reform strategies that address both systemic and socio-political barriers. Recommendations include strengthening judicial oversight mechanisms, promoting transparency in government operations, and fostering inclusive community participation in dispute resolution processes to mitigate ongoing governance issues.

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