



# Gender and Power Dynamics in Nigerian Political Transitions: A Survey Study

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## Abstract

Nigeria has experienced several political transitions since its independence in 1960, with varying degrees of gender inclusiveness and power distribution among leaders. A structured questionnaire was administered to a diverse sample population representative of Nigeria's demographics, focusing on gender dynamics and leadership patterns during recent transitions. Findings indicate that women have made significant progress in entering political spheres but still face challenges such as underrepresentation in top-tier positions. The research underscores the need for institutional reforms to enhance women's participation and empowerment within Nigerian political systems. Policy recommendations include increasing funding for gender-sensitive political training programmes and implementing quotas for female candidates at various levels of governance.

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