



Gender and Power Dynamics in Political Transitions in Gambia: A Comparative Analysis

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Abstract

Recent political transitions in Gambia have highlighted gender dynamics within power structures, including the presidency and party leadership. Qualitative content analysis of official election documents, semi-structured interviews with political actors, and archival research methods were employed. Gender disparities were evident in the nomination process for party leadership positions across all analysed elections, with women comprising less than 20% of nominations. The findings suggest that while progress has been made towards gender inclusivity, significant challenges remain in fully integrating female voices into political decision-making processes. Further research should focus on understanding the social and cultural factors hindering greater gender representation.

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