



Youth Identity and Political Participation in Urban Liberia: A Policy Analysis

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Abstract

Youth identity in urban Liberia is a critical but understudied aspect of political participation. A qualitative approach using focus group discussions and interviews with young Liberians aged 18-30 in urban areas. Youth identify strongly with traditional cultural practices, which correlates with higher levels of civic engagement compared to those who do not. Policy recommendations include incorporating youth-focused cultural activities into existing political education programmes and promoting inclusive leadership training. Develop culturally sensitive youth-led political initiatives; integrate traditional knowledge in civic education frameworks; provide mentorship opportunities for young leaders.

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