



# Historical Foundations of Contemporary Governance Challenges in Uganda

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## Abstract

Historical foundations of contemporary governance challenges in Uganda are complex and multifaceted, influenced by colonial legacies, ethnic divisions, and economic disparities. The study employs a multidisciplinary approach, integrating archival research with contemporary sociopolitical analysis to trace governance challenges from the colonial era through recent decades. Data reveals that ethnic fragmentation and historical administrative divisions continue to hinder effective governance in certain regions of Uganda. Historical governance practices have entrenched power imbalances and resource allocation inequalities, which persist as significant obstacles to modern democratic development. The recommendations include the need for a more inclusive political dialogue that addresses ethnic tensions and equitable distribution of resources.

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