



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

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Abstract

Recent political transitions in Nigeria have highlighted gender dynamics within power structures, influencing policy outcomes and public perception. Qualitative content analysis of political speeches and interviews from government officials to assess the frequency and explicitness of gender references. Speeches in the post-transition period showed a significant increase ($p < 0.05$) in mentions of gender equality compared to pre-transition, indicating evolving attitudes towards inclusivity. The analysis reveals a shift in political discourse from exclusionary language towards more inclusive and equitable representations of gender roles. Encouraging further research on the impact of these changes on actual policy implementation and public opinion. Nigeria, Political Transitions, Gender Dynamics, Power Relations

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