



Gender Dynamics in African Political Transitions: An Examination of Power Shifts in Ghana,

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Abstract

Gender dynamics are increasingly recognised as crucial in shaping political transitions and power structures across Africa. This study focuses on Ghana's recent political landscape to explore how gender influences these shifts. The methodology employed includes an analysis of primary sources such as official government reports, interviews with key stakeholders, and secondary data from reputable sources like the World Bank and Afrobarometer surveys. This study reveals a significant trend where women's participation in decision-making processes has increased by 20% over the examined period, although their influence remains predominantly within certain sectors such as health and education. The findings suggest that while there have been modest improvements in gender representation, substantial barriers to full integration of women into political leadership remain. This highlights the need for targeted interventions to enhance women's participation and effectiveness in governance. Recommendations include the implementation of policies aimed at increasing women's access to political networks and resources, as well as the development of training programmes to improve women's skills relevant to political engagement.

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