



Cultural Identity Formation within Ethiopian Urban Immigrant Communities: A Theoretical Framework

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Abstract

Urbanization in Addis Ababa has led to an influx of Ethiopian immigrants from rural areas seeking better educational and employment opportunities. This migration process often brings about significant cultural changes, particularly among youth who must navigate their dual identities as urbanites and rural residents. Theoretical development will be guided by existing psychological theories on acculturation, identity formation, and multiculturalism. Qualitative research methods such as focus groups and interviews with young immigrants will inform the framework's development. A comprehensive theoretical model will be proposed to explain the process of cultural identity formation within immigrant communities. This framework aims to serve as a basis for further empirical research on this complex phenomenon. Researchers should consider incorporating insights from both traditional and modern cultural elements when studying youth in urban settings. Policymakers could use these findings to develop targeted interventions that support the integration of immigrants into urban society.

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