



Policy Gaps in Psychological Research within Nigerian Contexts: Implications for Public Policy Development

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Abstract

In Nigeria, psychological research is predominantly focused on individual-level issues such as mental health disorders and social behaviour rather than broader societal impacts. A qualitative study employing semi-structured interviews with policymakers, psychologists, educators, and civil society representatives to explore current research practices and their implications for policy. Interviews revealed a significant lack of research addressing systemic issues such as poverty reduction strategies and equitable access to education across different regions in Nigeria. Current psychological research in Nigeria often overlooks critical societal challenges, which hampers effective public policy development. Researchers should collaborate more closely with policymakers and civil society organizations to ensure that psychological insights are integrated into comprehensive policy frameworks.

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