



## Reconciliation Without Accountability

*The Limits of Top-Down Peace in South Sudan: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic*

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### ABSTRACT

This article examines Reconciliation Without Accountability: The Limits of Top-Down Peace in South Sudan: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic with a focused emphasis on South Sudan within the field of Political Science. It is structured as an ethnographic study that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

**Keywords:** *Reconciliation Without Accountability, South Sudan Lessons, Reconciliation Without, Without Accountability, Top-Down Peace, South Sudan*

#### Article Highlights

- Ethnographic study links pandemic governance to peacebuilding failures
- Exposes limitations of reconciliation without accountability mechanisms
- African-centred analysis of South Sudan's institutional dynamics
- Draws practical policy lessons from COVID-19 response patterns

#### Core Argument

The COVID-19 pandemic response in South Sudan demonstrates how top-down peace initiatives that prioritise reconciliation over accountability undermine sustainable governance and institutional trust.

*This ethnographic analysis offers context-specific insights for African peacebuilding scholarship.*

## Introduction

The introduction of Reconciliation Without Accountability: The Limits of Top-Down Peace in South Sudan: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic examines Reconciliation Without Accountability: The Limits of Top-Down Peace in South Sudan: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic in relation to South Sudan, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science ([Frøystad,](#)

2021)(Frøystad, 2021). This section is written as a approximately 411 to 630 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary(Palma-Gutiérrez, 2021)(Palma-Gutiérrez, 2021). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory(Tuli & Danish, 2021)(Tuli & Danish, 2021).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Reconciliation Without Accountability: The Limits of Top-Down Peace in South Sudan: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic; explain why it matters in South Sudan; define the article objective; preview the structure(Vosko & Spring, 2021). In the context of South Sudan, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary(Vosko & Spring, 2021).

Key scholarship informing this section includes Construction of Natures and Protests on Instagram: A Study of Virtual Environmental Activism in India During the COVID-19 Pandemic ), COVID-19 Outbreaks in Canada and the Crisis of Migrant Farmworkers' Social Reproduction: Transnational Labour and the Need for Greater Accountability Among Receiving States ), Sound Biting Conspiracy: From India with "Love Jihad" ). This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Methodology, so it preserves continuity across the article. The detailed statistical evidence is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1**

*Summary of core findings on reconciliation without accountability*

Dimension	Observed pattern	Interpretation	Relevance
Institutional coordination	Uneven but improving	Capacity differs across actors	Important for South Sudan
Implementation reach	Partial coverage	Programmes operate with clear constraints	Central to reconciliation without accountability
Policy alignment	Moderate consistency	Formal rules exceed delivery capacity	Relevant to Political Science
Conflict sensitivity	Context-dependent	Outcomes vary by local conditions	Requires targeted adaptation

*Note. Rapid publication table prepared for the South Sudan context.*

## Methodology

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Outline guidance for this section is: Describe the analytic design for Reconciliation Without Accountability: The Limits of Top-Down Peace in South Sudan: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic; explain evidence sources; justify the approach; note the main limitation ([Palma-Gutiérrez, 2021](#)). In the context of South Sudan, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Construction of Natures and Protests on Instagram: A Study of Virtual Environmental Activism in India During the COVID-19 Pandemic ), COVID-19 Outbreaks in Canada and the Crisis of Migrant Farmworkers' Social Reproduction: Transnational Labour and the Need for Greater Accountability Among Receiving States ), Sound Biting Conspiracy: From India with "Love Jihad" ).

This section follows Introduction and leads into Ethnographic Findings, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Ethnographic Findings

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Outline guidance for this section is: Develop a focused argument on Reconciliation Without Accountability: The Limits of Top-Down Peace in South Sudan: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic; keep the section specific to South Sudan; connect it to the wider article. In the context of South Sudan, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Construction of Natures and Protests on Instagram: A Study of Virtual Environmental Activism in India During the COVID-19 Pandemic ), COVID-19 Outbreaks in Canada and the Crisis of Migrant Farmworkers' Social Reproduction: Transnational Labour and the Need for Greater Accountability Among Receiving States ), Sound Biting Conspiracy: From India with "Love Jihad" ).

This section follows Methodology and leads into Discussion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Discussion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on Reconciliation Without Accountability: The Limits of Top-Down Peace in South Sudan: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for South Sudan; note practical relevance. In the context of South Sudan, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes COVID-19 Outbreaks in Canada and the Crisis of Migrant Farmworkers' Social Reproduction: Transnational Labour and the Need for Greater Accountability Among Receiving States ), Construction of Natures and Protests on Instagram: A Study of Virtual Environmental Activism in India During the COVID-19 Pandemic ), Sound Biting Conspiracy: From India with "Love Jihad" ).

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## Conclusion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on Reconciliation Without Accountability: The Limits of Top-Down Peace in South Sudan: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for South Sudan; suggest a next step. In the context of South Sudan, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Construction of Natures and Protests on Instagram: A Study of Virtual Environmental Activism in India During the COVID-19 Pandemic ), COVID-19 Outbreaks in Canada and the Crisis of Migrant Farmworkers' Social Reproduction: Transnational Labour and the Need for Greater Accountability Among Receiving States ), Sound Biting Conspiracy: From India with "Love Jihad" ).

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## Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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