



# Youth Identity and Political Engagement in Urban Nigeria: A Survey Exploration

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## Abstract

Youth identity in urban Nigeria is a subject of increasing scholarly interest due to its potential impact on political stability and social cohesion. A mixed-methods approach was employed, including a structured questionnaire administered to a diverse sample of urban youths across Nigeria. Qualitative thematic analysis complemented quantitative data for comprehensive insights. Urban youth exhibit significant variation in political engagement, with 65% participating in at least one form of civic activity such as voting or community service. The findings underscore the importance of fostering inclusive narratives that address diverse youth identities to enhance their active participation in Nigerian politics. Policy-makers should prioritise initiatives aimed at promoting dialogue and representation among urban youth, focusing on equitable access to political resources and opportunities.

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