



Youth Identity and Political Engagement in Urban Cape Verde: A Socio-Political Analysis

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Abstract

{ "background": "Youth identity in urban Cape Verde is shaped by a complex interplay of cultural heritage, modernization pressures, and socio-economic conditions. This study focuses on how these factors influence political engagement among young people.", "purposeandobjectives": "The purpose of this paper is to explore the relationship between youth identity and their level of political participation in urban Cape Verdean communities. Objectives include understanding the roles of cultural heritage, modernization, and socio-economic conditions in shaping youth identities and how these intersect with political engagement.", "methodology": "Qualitative research methods were employed, including semi-structured interviews and focus group discussions with young people aged 18-25 from urban Cape Verdean communities. Data was analysed using thematic analysis to identify patterns and themes related to youth identity and political engagement.", "findings": "Findings indicate that cultural heritage plays a significant role in shaping youth identities, particularly regarding values such as community solidarity and respect for ancestors. However, modernization pressures also influence their sense of identity by encouraging individualism and consumerist behaviors. A notable theme was the impact of socio-economic conditions on political participation, with economic challenges leading to lower engagement levels.", "conclusion": "This study contributes to the understanding of youth identity in urban Cape Verde by highlighting the complex interplay between cultural heritage, modernization pressures, and socio-economic factors. It underscores the need for policies that consider both traditional values and contemporary realities in promoting inclusive political participation among young people.", "recommendations": "Recommendations include developing educational programmes that integrate traditional values with modern civic education to foster a sense of collective identity while encouraging individual agency. Additionally, initiatives aimed at improving economic opportunities could enhance youth engagement in politics by addressing their material concerns.", "keywords": "Youth Identity, Political Engagement, Urban Cape Verde, Cultural Heritage, Socio-Economic Factors", "contribution_statement": "This study introduces a novel methodological approach that combines thematic analysis with qualitative research methods to explore the dynamics of youth identity and political engagement in urban Cape Verdean

Keywords: *Cape Verdean, Urbanization, Ethnicity, Migration, Social Capital, Identity Politics, Multilevel Analysis*

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