



Pan-Africanism in Tanzania: A Mixed Methods Exploration of Challenges and Opportunities in the 21st Century

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Abstract

Pan-Africanism has been a significant force in African politics and social movements for decades, with Tanzania playing an important role in Pan-Africanist discourse and activism. The study employs a mixed methods approach combining qualitative interviews with quantitative surveys to gather data from Tanzanians across different regions. The survey includes demographic questions alongside questions about perceptions of Pan-Africanism's role in contemporary Tanzania. A thematic analysis of interview transcripts revealed that while many participants recognised the historical significance of Pan-Africanism, there was a growing sense of skepticism regarding its relevance to current issues such as economic development and social justice. The survey data indicated that over 70% of respondents supported increased collaboration among African nations but had reservations about how best to achieve this. The findings suggest that while Pan-Africanism holds cultural and historical importance, Tanzanians are looking for more practical applications in modern contexts such as economic integration and social reform. The study highlights the need for tailored Pan-Africanist strategies that address contemporary challenges. Policy recommendations include developing a framework for collaborative projects between African nations based on shared values and mutual benefits, alongside efforts to bridge regional disparities through targeted development initiatives.

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