



Youth Identity and Political Participation in Ugandan Urban Societies: A Policy Analysis

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Abstract

Youth identity formation in urban settings of Uganda has been influenced by rapid demographic changes and economic shifts, posing challenges to traditional social structures and governance. This study employed qualitative interviews and thematic analysis of existing literature to explore the intersection of youth identity and civic participation in urban Uganda. Youth in urban Uganda often experience marginalization due to perceived cultural insensitivity, leading to lower political engagement despite socioeconomic aspirations. The findings underscore a need for inclusive policies that recognise diverse youth identities and address socio-cultural barriers to political inclusion. Urban policymakers should prioritise initiatives that foster dialogue between young people and elders, emphasising the importance of cultural sensitivity in governance.

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