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Abstract

Southern African traditional governance structures have been a subject of interest in the field of African studies due to their unique role in community management and conflict resolution. The analysis will draw upon qualitative research methods including interviews with local leaders, document reviews of government policies, and case studies from selected regions in South Sudan. A key finding is the successful integration of customary courts into the formal judicial system, improving access to justice for marginalized communities. The findings suggest that a hybrid model combining traditional practices with modern democratic institutions can enhance governance effectiveness while preserving cultural integrity. Policy makers should consider fostering dialogue between traditional leaders and government officials to ensure mutual respect and collaboration in the implementation of new policies.

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