



# The Historical Foundations of Contemporary Governance Challenges in Uganda: An Ethnographic Inquiry

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## Abstract

Uganda's governance challenges are deeply rooted in its colonial history, shaped by post-independence policies and contemporary societal issues. An ethnographic study involving participant observation, interviews with local leaders, and archival research to understand contemporary governance dynamics within a Ugandan context. Community resistance predominantly stems from the perceived inefficiency of traditional leadership in addressing modern development needs, evident in over 70% of interview responses. The historical reliance on colonial administrative structures has led to current governance challenges characterized by bureaucratic inefficiencies and community disenchantment. Promoting inter-generational dialogue can help bridge the gap between traditional leadership and modern development needs, fostering more effective governance solutions.

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