



Youth Identity and Political Engagement in Moroccan Urban Societies,

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Abstract

Youth identity has emerged as a critical factor influencing political engagement in urban African societies. In Morocco, urban youth have distinct cultural backgrounds and socio-economic experiences that shape their perceptions of citizenship and participation. The research employs mixed-methods approaches including qualitative interviews, quantitative surveys, and secondary data analysis to explore the complex interplay between youth identity and political participation across various urban settings in Morocco. A thematic analysis of interview transcripts revealed that generational differences significantly influence perceptions of civic duty among Moroccan urban youth. For instance, younger participants (aged 18-25) were more likely to engage politically through digital platforms compared to older participants (aged 40+). The findings suggest that while socio-economic disparities continue to affect political access and participation, generational shifts in values and technology adoption are emerging as critical drivers of youth engagement. Policy recommendations include leveraging digital technologies for civic education tailored to different age groups, addressing economic inequalities through targeted interventions, and fostering inclusive dialogue spaces to engage diverse youth voices.

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