



Environmental Justice Movements in Resource-Rich Senegal: A Socio-Political Analysis

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Abstract

Environmental Justice Movements (EJM) in resource-rich Senegal have emerged as a significant social and political phenomenon, reflecting broader global trends but with unique characteristics shaped by local contexts. The research employs qualitative methods including semi-structured interviews, focus group discussions, and document analysis to explore the experiences and perspectives of EJM members and stakeholders. A thematic analysis will be used to synthesize data into coherent themes related to governance, resource management, and social equity. EJM in Senegal have demonstrated significant mobilization around issues such as land rights disputes, pollution control, and renewable energy access, particularly among marginalized communities near mining sites and hydroelectric projects. The thematic analysis reveals a recurring theme of conflict over natural resources between community activists and resource extraction companies. The findings suggest that EJM in Senegal play a crucial role in mediating environmental disputes and advocating for equitable governance practices, though they face significant challenges including limited legal frameworks and bureaucratic resistance. To enhance the effectiveness of EJM, recommendations include strengthening legal protections for community rights, fostering greater transparency and accountability in resource management policies, and building collaborative networks between EJM and government institutions to address common environmental concerns.

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