



# Gender and Power Dynamics in African Political Transitions: A Case Study of Angola,

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## Abstract

Gender dynamics have been under-researched in African political transitions, despite their critical role shaping power structures and outcomes. The research employs a qualitative approach to interpret interviews, official documents, and media reports, providing nuanced insights into gendered power relations. Findings indicate that women's participation in political processes was limited but significant, with a notable increase in female representation in local governance bodies. The study concludes by highlighting the need for targeted policies to enhance women's empowerment and ensure more equitable gender representation in Angola's post-transition landscape. Recommendations include implementing quotas for political participation, establishing mentorship programmes for aspiring female leaders, and promoting inclusive leadership training initiatives.

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