

W.K. Subbo (1994) **Cultural Diversity and National Integration in Kenya**

Abstract

Kenya is an ethnically diverse country. This diversity presupposes the difficulty of achieving ethnic integration. Indeed, there are opinions that national integration in Kenya is a myth.

Cultural diversity among the groups which inhabit Kenya makes some scholars believe that it is difficult to achieve ethnic integration. Nevertheless, there are factors which work in favour of National integration e.g. the inclusion of all Kenyans under one national government, the ethnic interactions within that political framework in towns, plantations, institutions etc. However, the recent so-called tribal conflicts reported in some parts of the country raise the question as to whether there can be any form of lasting ethnic integration. It is therefore important to know whether Kenya can be totally an integrated nation, what are the factors which militate against Kenya's national integration and how far has Kenya been successfully integrated.

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