

## Factors Responsible for the Activities of the Transitional Rites of Passage on Youth's Morality in South Africa: A Study of Thulamela Municipality

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**Abstract :** This article strove to establish the factors responsible for the activities of the transitional rites of passage on youth's morality. South Africa, among other countries, has serious effects on the moral systems of youths. Factors responsible for the activities of the transitional rites of passage on youth's morality has been brought to the fore by on-going transitional rites depicted by weekend's social activities with the practice of substance use and abuse among the youths at various recreational spots. The transitional rites are structured under the guise of "freaks" as an evolving culture among the youths. The freaks culture is a counterculture of the usual initiation's schools for transitional rites of passage which instil morality among youths. Qualitative design was used to obtain data from custodians, parents of the youths, and the youths themselves. The findings widely show that the factors responsible for the activities of the transitional rites is the act of the current on-going transitional rites effect as an inappropriate behaviour towards youth morality. This study concluded that to establish the factors responsible for the activities of the transitional rites of passage on youth's morality, activities and practices evolved as a current socialization standard for quick maturity status, as a result of that, it will be harder to provide a complete change of this evolving culture. However, what will work is to build on the existing transitional rites of passage to moderate appropriate youths' morality in Thulamela communities.

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