

## **Adolescent Street Boys' Car Washing and Parking of Vehicles in the Harare Central Business District as Urban Resilience under Austerity Era (ASBCWPVHCBDURAE)**

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**ABSTRACT** Very few academic studies have been conducted that interrogate car washing and parking of vehicles as one of the livelihood strategies of street boys of the Harare Central Business District in the face of socio-economic and political challenges. Some of the challenges have been partly induced by the austerity era. The paper adopted the child rights and child agency theories to understand the realities of these children. Ostensibly research findings suggest that, the street boys of the Harare Central Business District espoused to car washing and parking of vehicles so as to eke a living in a context faced by myriad of socio-economic and political challenges. A qualitative research methodology punctuated by street ethnography approach was utilised to generate data for this paper. The paper concludes by lobbying and advocating for a child rights based approach in implementing projects and/or programmes for street children of Harare Central Business District.