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The Research

- Book project: “Discipline, Order, and Colonial Childhoods in Senegal”
- Research questions for this chapter
 - How did juvenile penitentiaries established by the French colonial state affect childhood norms and experiences in Senegal prior to 1940?
 - How did young Africans navigate and negotiate these changes?
- Sources

The Argument

- Four penitentiaries, fifty-two years
- Juvenile reform → French vision of African childhood
 - Chronological age
 - Discipline
 - Obedience
 - Manual labor
- Young people's responses → New approach?