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Abstract: The authors contribute to the debate on democracy and accountability in Africa by examining the nexus between democracy and accountability. They argue that whereas democracy engendered accountability in pre-colonial Africa, modern democracy in Africa fails to bring accountability to the forefront of politics, which is attributed to colonial rule that led to the destruction of indigenous systems and the attitudes of post-colonial leaders. Given this scenario, the authors contend that accountability, which was the hallmark of pre-colonial Africa, should be imbibed by contemporary leaders of Africans should be sensitized to making their leaders answerable for their actions.