

## IYE AJA (Umbilical Cord) Project

### BURYING THE DEAD



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**EXCERPT FROM THE ORAL INTERVIEW WITH AGGREY OBIERO, A KENYAN FROM THE LUO TRIBE. BARACK OBAMA'S FATHER IS A LUO.**

**QUESTION:** Do the Luo people actually bury their dead abroad or is there a big thing about taking the bodies back to Kenya?

**ANSWER:** “I think, if I am not far from the truth, the Luos worship the dead more. So there is no way a Luo will be buried away from home. There is only one guy who wanted to be buried here, and that was his wish and people said to his face ‘there is no way we will leave you being buried here, no way’. He died and they took him back home.”

**QUESTION:** So if Barack Obama passed away, would there be pressure on Michelle to have the body taken to Kenya?

**ANSWER:** That’s a Big One! But they will try, you know, they will try!

*(The Luo are the third largest ethnic group in Kenya and Obama’s father is a Luo)*

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