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Sommario/riassunto	It is important to do research to try to find out what social forces account for such a high incidence of interpersonal violence in the developing countries and to discover any differences that exist between these countries and the more developed countries. Tibamanya Mushanga has attempted to do this in his study about homicide in Uganda. The research presents an analysis of the incidence, trends and patterns of criminal homicide from among a sample of 484 cases committed between 1955 and 1966 in three districts (Ankole, Toro and Kigezi) of Western Uganda. The primary source of his data was th