

## **Ruling Party in Local Opposition: The KMT's Predicament in Southern Taiwan and Its Countermeasures**

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Taiwan's political geography has been characterized for quite some time now by a north-south divide with the north quite homogenously dominated by the pan-blue camp, or more precisely, its main party, the KMT, and the south being the stronghold of the pan-green camp and the DPP holding the local governments on the city and county level. This paper takes a closer look at the recently deteriorating election results of the KMT in Taiwan's southern constituencies, goes on to explore the reasons for the parties weakness in the south, and finally presents the party's strategies against this trend.