

FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY TO FAMILY ORGANIZATION

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Abstract. *Author of this paper argues that Russia, Belorussia, North Korea, China, Cambodia, Vietnam, Nicaragua, Cuba, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, and Turkmenistan continue down a similar institutional path. These countries have developed a unique system where family rule has replaced the communist party as the governing mechanism. The author proves that this is no mere nepotism, rather the family has become a pivotal institution which grants these nations stability and even prosperity. This paper places familism in the context of the communist legacy. Family rule is central to, the politics, economy, culture and social structure of these counties.*

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