

## **EXPLAINING THE END OF A MYTH<sup>1</sup>**

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### Abstract

The article reviews the results of 2004 Romanian local elections and provides an analysis and a forecast for the general elections. Authors conclude that despite an undecided result in the local elections, the larger gains belong to the anticommunist alliance, which managed to reverse a trend primed by government surveys and, as a consequence, to end the myth that Romania has again a party-state and no authentic opposition.

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