
CHINA'S COMMUNIST PARTY HAS RULED FOR 75 YEARS. WILL IT MAKE IT TO 100?

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More than three decades after the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Communist Party of China retains a firm grip on power.

The powerful and feared organization has ruled the nation — home to close to one-fifth of the world's population — for 75 years, surpassing the 74-year Soviet era in Russia.

The party survived years of self-inflicted tumult after it took control in 1949. A major course correction in 1978 transformed the country into an industrial giant with an economy second in size only to the United States.

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