

Transformation of the British two-party system and its regional differences

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British two-party system is one of the typical political style of parliamentary democracy. Although, the sum of main two party seats keeps high level, the share of the two-party vote in general election is getting lower from 1974, and much lower from 1992. Not only in Northern Ireland, but in Scotland and Wales, the regionalism caused change of party system from 70's and Liberal Democrat got more support in England from the beginning of 21st century. Those situation means the transformation of the British two-party system. This paper tries to analyze British two-party system on the base of four parts of UK from 1945 to 2015 general election and also 9 regions in England from 1987 to 2015.