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# Candle Light to Be Rekindled in South Korea with the Oppressed People's Power

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**In the South Korean presidential election conducted on March 9, Yun Seok-yeol of the conservative opposition party "People Power Party (PPP)" won over Lee Jae-myung of the progressive ruling party "Democratic Party of Korea (DPK)" by a narrow margin of 240,000 votes. The vote percentages for the candidates were 48.56% and 47.83% respectively.**

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[1] Gallup Korea Research Institute, 2 March, 2022, "Gallup Korea Daily Opinion No.485". Moon Jae-in is the first president who was not fell into lame duck.

[2] During the election, Yun Seok-yeol took advantage of the backlash against feminism which prevailed in young men and made a campaign promise to "abolish MGEF" to win votes. But many young women strongly opposed it. And many women's votes flowed to Lee Jae-myung.

[3] Mainly between Gyeongsang Province and Jeolla Province located in the southeast and southwest respectively on the Korean Peninsula. Gyeongsang Province and Jeolla Province have had the long historical conflict. And Gwangju Uprising, which occurred in 1980, made the political confrontational regionalism decisive. Non-conservative forces were overwhelmingly strong in Gwangju City and the surrounding Jeolla Province. Even in the 2012 presidential election, the percentage of votes for non-conservative was about 90% in this region. However, in this presidential election, the approval rating for conservative was over 30%.

[4] *Rodong Sinmun*, 10 March 2022, "20th "Presidential Election" in South Korea"

[5] Karen Yamanaka, ESSF (article 62033), 17 April 2022, "[article 62033](#)".

[6] Park Geun-hye has actually resumed her political activity, serving as chairperson of the support group for a conservative candidate who is scheduled to run for the next Daegu City Mayor election in June this year. Candlelight impeached Park Geun-hye in 2016. On the other hand, it was many South Koreans themselves who brought Park Geun-hye's "landslide victory" in 2012.