

## **THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC): FROM LIBERATION MOVEMENT TO RULING PARTY**

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### **ABSTRACT.**

The ANC was known internationally as a militant anti-imperialist liberation movement engaged in armed struggle with the apartheid regime. It came to power in 1994 as a result of a compromise. The subsequent 11 years of democratic rule has posed a major challenge to deliver a better life for the masses within the inherited constraints of colonial capitalism. There have been major shifts of class forces within the parameters of a national movement as the ANC has used state power to empower sections of the historically disadvantaged. The paper analyses these trends to assess future possibilities.