The Fight for Followers: Muslimness and Authenticity in Tajikistan

with

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Recently, President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon has sought new ways to reassert his Muslim identity. These public acts of piety serve not only to sway the population toward the state muftiyat, but also to counter opposition narratives that the ruling family is not Muslim enough. This presentation explores the growing ideological and practical divisions between the socioeconomic elite and common classes as they both seek to claim an authentic Muslim identity in Tajikistan.

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