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The political institute under the name "party of power" is an important element of modern Russian political system. Having arisen at the beginning 1990s of the XX century, "party of power" endured internal evolution, having turned from rather weak and friable political structure possessing insignificant representation in Federal Assembly of Russia, into the dominating party occupying actual monopoly position, both in legislative, and in executive bodies of the power of federal, regional and local levels. According to the author, Russian "party of power" consistently solves two problems: first, consolidates elite ("ruling class"), and secondly, provides in the conditions of existence of democratic institutes (the main thing from which selectivity) complete control of elite ("ruling class") over the main Russian political establishments (The State Duma, the Federation Council, the governor's case, etc.). By means of the solution of these tasks Russian "party of power" promotes formation of the uniform control system ("power vertical") providing uninterrupted transformation of economic interests of elite ("ruling class") in the relevant political decisions.

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