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# The Influence of Ethnicity on Electoral Politics in Assam

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**Abstract:** This paper explores the profound influence of ethnicity on electoral politics in Assam, a region characterized by its diverse ethnic composition and complex socio-political landscape. By analyzing historical and contemporary electoral data, the paper investigates how ethnic identities shape voter behavior, political mobilization, and party strategies. It highlights the role of ethnic based political parties, such as the Bodoland People's Front (BPF) and the Asom Gana Parishad (AGP), in leveraging ethnic sentiments to secure electoral support. The study also examines the impact of ethnic leaders and their ability to galvanize communities around shared cultural and