

## **The (H)mong of French Guiana, a homogeneous community?**

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French Guiana is an overseas French Department. It belongs to France: it has the same laws and the same socio-economic system. But it is located in South America. The majority of its inhabitants are former Black slaves and its society is very different from France. By living in such a different society, the (H)mong of French Guiana could only differ from their cousins of France. The author will present the relations between the Guianese (H)mong and the rest of the population of this overseas department. He will first review the historical settlement of the (H)mong in French Guiana. First rejected by the Guianese Creoles, they nowadays play an integral part of the Guianese society. At the Cayenne College, Creole students have accepted their (H)mong friends as part of the Guianese melting pot despite their differences (behavior, way of thinking, and way of life). Then the researcher will analyze how an illusive quest for power has torn the (H)mong society as well as it has developed a self-serving based relationship between Creole politicians and the (H)mong. Finally, one will see that the most dangerous parameter that can tear apart the Guianese (H)mong community is the (H)mong themselves.