

Even If Erdogan Is Defeated, Turkey Is Still Up for Grabs

by [Soner Cagaptay \(/experts/soner-cagaptay\)](#)

May 11, 2023

Also published in Washington Post

ABOUT THE AUTHORS



[Soner Cagaptay \(/experts/soner-cagaptay\)](#)

Soner Cagaptay is the Beyer Family Fellow and director of the Turkish Research Program at The Washington Institute.



Articles & Testimony

Western gestures on trade and defense could reinforce a pro-democratic outcome and counter interference by Vladimir Putin.

The fall of populist President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, should it come in Sunday's closely watched and closely contested election, could put Turkey firmly back on a democratic path. But Turkey's actual geopolitical orientation is still up in the air. Western partners have an opportunity to help steer a post-Erdogan Turkey in the right direction. They have the tools to do it...

[Read the full article on the Washington Post website.](#)

[\(https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2023/05/11/turkey-elections-democracy-vulnerable-russia/\)](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2023/05/11/turkey-elections-democracy-vulnerable-russia/) ❖

RECOMMENDED



BRIEF ANALYSIS

[Navigating the Dynamic Homeland Threat Landscape](#)

May 17, 2023, starting at 12:00 noon EDT (1600 GMT)

◆
Nicholas Rasmussen

(/policy-analysis/navigating-dynamic-homeland-threat-landscape)



BRIEF ANALYSIS

Syria's Normalization and the GCC: Adjusting to A New Modus Vivendi

May 10, 2023

◆
Leonardo Jacopo Maria Mazzucco

(/policy-analysis/syrias-normalization-and-gcc-adjusting-new-modus-vivendi)



BRIEF ANALYSIS

Increased Drilling Raises Hopes for East Mediterranean Natural Gas Production

May 10, 2023

◆
Simon Henderson

(/policy-analysis/increased-drilling-raises-hopes-east-mediterranean-natural-gas-production)

TOPICS

Arab & Islamic Politics (/policy-analysis/arab-islamic-politics)

Democracy & Reform (/policy-analysis/democracy-reform)

Great Power Competition (/policy-analysis/great-power-competition)

U.S. Policy (/policy-analysis/us-policy)

REGIONS & COUNTRIES

Turkey (/policy-analysis/turkey)