

# Turkey's New Political Landscape: Implications of the 2011 Elections

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**T**his summer, Turkey's ruling Justice and Development Party continued its decade of electoral dominance, winning a third consecutive parliamentary victory. Yet the voting results tell a more nuanced story, with the main opposition Republican People's Party making gains in key areas and the AKP's heartland strongholds continuing to lose sway due to heavy migration from rural areas to large cities and coastal areas. Will these trends continue past 2011? And if so, how will they affect Turkey's political landscape in years to come?

In this new report, Soner Cagaptay and a team of Washington Institute researchers break down the election results by province, offering charts and maps that illustrate each major party's current standing and long-term prospects in various regions of the country. ❖

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