

Turkey's New Foreign Policy Direction: Implications for U.S.-Turkish Relations

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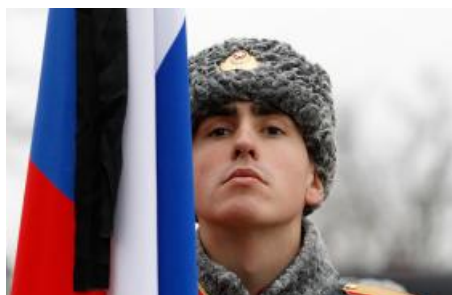
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Soner Cagaptay, a senior fellow and director of the Turkish Research Program at The Washington Institute, testified before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on July 28, 2010. The following is an excerpt from his prepared remarks.

"...The AKP has made a 180-degree turn in Turkey's Middle East policy, moving closer to Iran and its proxies, Syria and Sudan, while cooling off toward Israel. What motivates this policy are not religious sympathies, as some people suggest, but rather an ideological view of the world. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his government believe that Samuel Huntington was right, that there is a clash of civilizations. Only they are on the side of the Islamists, not the West...."

[Download \(http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/html/pdf/Cagaptay20100728.pdf\)](http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/html/pdf/Cagaptay20100728.pdf) Dr. Cagaptay's testimony (PDF). ❖

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