

Turkey's "Finlandization"

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For the past several years, Turkey has balanced its relationship with the West with its relationship with Iran and Russia -- just as Finland balanced the West and Russia during the Cold War. Finland, at the time, paralleled Western policies but remained intimate with Moscow. In this Turkish-language interview, Soner Cagaptay argues that Turkish foreign policy has gone through a process of "Finlandization," where Ankara mirrors the West in the Middle East while keeping Iranian and Russian interests in mind.

[Click here to read full interview in Turkish. \(http://www.referansgazetesi.com/haber.aspx?](http://www.referansgazetesi.com/haber.aspx?HBR_KOD=107249&KOS_KOD=7)

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