

## The AKP's Image is Damaged

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In Washington, there is a growing consensus that the AKP is changing from a seemingly progressive, pro-European party into a majoritarian, exclusionist one. In an interview with Cumhuriyet reporter Elcin Poyrazlar, Soner Cagaptay argues that the AKP's image has been damaged recently because of its increasingly unilateralist approach in Turkish politics. Cagaptay highlights the growing importance of women in Turkey's democracy and argues that the determining factor in coming months will be their attitude and political standing.

[Read the full article in Turkish \(http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/html/pdf/cumhuriyet2008-05-14.pdf\)](http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/html/pdf/cumhuriyet2008-05-14.pdf) (PDF, 112 KB).

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