

Problems of the Turkish Political Parties and the Turgut Özal's Party ANAP

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A lot of political parties were established in Turkey, so far. But a large majority of them were dissolved or couldn't live long-term. In this respect, Turkish political history is the history of short-lived political parties without CHP (Republican Populist Party). Both in Ottoman Period or Republican Period there were no durable political party. Whereas, when we look at United States and European Countries, we see long-lived and durable political parties, e.g. Republican Party in U.S and Conservative Party in U.K. etc.

In this point, Turgut Özal's Motherland Party can be considered one of the most excellent examples of the short-lived parties in Turkey. This party was established in 1983 and then, it has finished its life in 20 years. What was the reason for this finishing? In this view, our study aims to indicate the common problems of the Turkish political parties by analysing Motherland Party (ANAP), for instance, weakness of institutionalism, leader-oriented extremely, patronage system etc.

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